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## Borough in U-turn on living wage bid

HUNDREDS of council workers are poised to be paid the living wage after a U-turn by bosses – in a move that will cost about £330,000 in extra wages.

Some 1,015 workers or contractors for Walsall Council are currently below the living wage of £7.65 compared to the minimum wage of £6.31.

Council leader Mike Bird said last week that an increase was unlikely as it would cost too much. But in a U-turn he has now asked the town hall's human resources and finance departments to come up with a report outlining proposals to offer the living wage to those employees directly employed by the council.

He said: "I have instructed our officers to prepare a report for the cabinet to outline the cost which would be £330,000 of which 50 per cent can be picked up by the schools."

There had been concerns that the total increase in wages including those contracted in areas such as social care would see the annual wage bill rocket by at least £2 million.

Councillor Mohammad Nazir said: "I would like to make it clear this is our policy. We have always been fully committed to implementing the living wage regardless of the Conservatives."

## Yobs banned from outlets

A NUMBER of banning orders have been issued following reports of anti-social behaviour around two take-aways in Walsall.

More than 40 people have been banned from KFC in Leamore and a dozen have been handed out banning troublemakers from McDonald's at Reedswood Retail Park.

Police patrols have also been stepped up around the retail park and Leamore areas.

# PROTESTERS WIN CEMETERY FIGHT

Report by Adam Burling

**CAMPAIGNERS** are celebrating this week after plans for an 8,000-plot cemetery have been scrapped following a massive public outcry against the scheme.

They have also pledged to carry on in their fight after revised proposals were put forward by developers. The original plans for a £3 million cemetery in Aldridge Road, Walsall, sparked outrage among neighbours when they were announced 18 months ago. Since then more than 1,200 signatures have been collected on a petition and a series of heated public meetings have been held.

## Nasal spray flu vaccine for students

PUPILS across Walsall will be offered a nasal flu vaccine in school this autumn as part of a pilot scheme.

The nasal spray vaccine – Fluenz – will help protect them from the virus and reduce the chance of other family members getting it.

Around 3,500 year seven and eight pupils will be eligible and healthcare staff will administer the vaccine in the child's school, during the autumn term. Letters have started to go out to Walsall parents and carers advising them of the benefits of vaccination and answering common questions about its safety and effectiveness.

Pilot schemes are already running in the Black Country, Birmingham and Solihull, Shropshire and Staffordshire as well as elsewhere in the country.

Uma Viswanathan, consultant in Public Health Medicine at Walsall Council, said: "Fluenz is a simple spray up the nose. It is painless, very quick, and side effects are uncommon and generally mild. Flu can be a really nasty illness than can sometimes lead to serious complications. It is also easily contracted by friends and family."

Walsall Council had originally rejected the plans in February last year, leading to the Springhill Cemetery Group appealing to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.

Now Government planning inspectors have thrown out the plans. However, a revised scheme has already been sent to the council, including flooding assessments and proposals to plant trees to keep a reception building hidden.

Planning inspector Jennifer Vyse said: "The proposal would involve inappropriate development which is intrinsically harmful to the green belt. It would involve a loss of openness and some harm from the introduction of a new access and parking areas."

Resident Bob Barnard said: "On behalf of all the residents against the cemetery, I feel the planning inspector has got this appeal right and very much agreed with reasons given by Walsall Council in the refusal notice."

"There is very little green belt land left in the Hatherton area and it is great to see it being protected. We are all delighted at this outcome."

The inspector also raised concerns over possible flooding with the scheme. But Mellish Road resident Imran Azam highlighted the fact that revised plans had been submitted, adding: "I want to remind residents that another amended application for the cemetery at this site is still under consideration by the planning officers at Walsall Council."

"The fight to save our precious green belt land continues."

The cemetery group was unavailable for comment.

## Gill's driven to copy colours



Gill Judge, with her 1957 Austin Metropolitan at the Classic Car Show at the Arboretum

HAVE you heard the one about classic car owner who looks just like their wheels? Gill Judge from Stafford, was geared up for a laugh when she displayed the 1957 Austin Metropolitan at the annual The Classic Car and Transport Show held at Walsall Arboretum.

About 2,400 visitors from across the region attended the show that was held on Sunday at the Broadway North park. More than 400 vehicles were featured along with stalls.

The retired supermarket cashier and her late husband John bought the award-winning car off eBay a decade ago from the previous owner in Plymouth.

"When my husband died in 2009, a friend encouraged me to start driving it and taking it to shows the way that John used to. So I did and last year it won the best car trophy at the show held at Capethorne Hall in Cheshire."

"I always dress to match the car's colour which is jade green. It's something fun and I enjoy it. I've been going the Walsall show for three years," the 74-year-old says.



Andrew Birks, from Darlaston, with his one-off restored mini, which took 12 years to build

Organiser Geoff Price, of Walsall, says: "We have had a very good turnout, it's the best attendance for more than four years. I think the good weather has had something to do with it. We had about 2,400 visitors and it was very busy." Exhibits included 1930s Austin, Morris, Hillman, MG and Buick, while the 1950s was represented by the Ford Pilot and Austin A30.

## Gridlock warning at start of work

MOTORISTS face up to two months of roadworks in Walsall as TWO major projects have got underway this week in Willenhall.

Major gas and water and gas projects start this week and Network Rail has already closed off Noose Lane while it works on a level crossing. The latest project will see water mains work start along The Hayes, Pool Hayes, from tomorrow which is expected to take until September 16 to finish.

Also starting this week is gas work which is being carried out along the busy Pool Hayes Lane and is expected to take until at least the end of August.

Drivers have been warned of inevitable delays and diversions while the works are completed.

The work is taking place this month to coincide with the school summer holiday period to try to reduce disruption.

The installation of new pipes is being carried out in sections along The Hayes by contractors on behalf of Severn Trent Water to enable access to residential properties. Temporary traffic signals will operate throughout work on behalf of National Grid Gas in Pool Hayes Lane.

Willenhall councillor Ian Shires said it will have an impact on traffic flow in the area.

## Reserve in flag award

A NATURE reserve has been hailed after receiving national acclaim for the first time. Rough Wood Local Nature Reserve in Willenhall, which is made up of a series of pools in the middle of the oldest and largest woodland in the borough, was given a Green Flag award for the first time this year.

Walsall Council leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said: "This is tremendous news for our much-loved countryside sites."

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# Water supply hit by burst pipe

FAMILIES were left unable to take a shower or a bath for a fortnight after a water pipe burst.

Some residents were forced to boil the kettle to get hot water to wash as a result of the issue which emerged two-and-a-half weeks ago in Farrington Street, Walsall.

It was caused by damage to a pipe which was near a telegraph pole and has taken until this week to

be fully repaired. The pole needed to be moved to make way for water engineers to access the pipe. The water pressure has since returned to normal.

Resident Melanie Vickers, aged 59, said: "It has been going on for two weeks and we haven't been able to have a shower or a bath. We were having to boil the kettle and take a bowl of water into the bathroom

as the pressure just wasn't good enough. It was a nightmare but we are so glad it is sorted now. It went on for a long time and the water company explained that it was because the pipe was in an awkward position and the telegraph pole had to be moved."

Mrs Vickers said there were originally fears that it could take another month for the telegraph pole

to be moved as the process was so complicated. But engineers eventually spent about five hours at the site fixing the problem, and temporarily moving the pole.

South Staffs Water spokeswoman Caroline Maddox said the problem was fixed by 9pm last Wednesday. She said: "BT engineers moved the telegraph pole and the pipe was then repaired."

# Father who shook his baby daughter jailed

A FATHER who 'recklessly shook' his four-month-old daughter, fracturing her skull and causing a bleed on the brain, has been jailed for 18 months.

Nathan Smith injured the child, now likely to be short-sighted and face possible learning difficulties, on the first night he was left alone with her. The 24-year-old had a 'short fuse', Wolverhampton

## All change for buses to borough

A BUS has been withdrawn as part of a shake-up of services in Walsall and Staffordshire.

The 32 service run by Arriva Midlands between Brownhills and Hednesford has been taken off following a review. A slump in users has prompted the decision and is being partially replaced by the 33 service.

The number 32 bus between Hednesford, Cannock, Heath Hayes and Brownhills has been considered no longer sustainable on a commercial basis.

Bosses say they have reviewed services to provide regular, punctual and robust bus transport. This has seen improvements on some routes. The timetable for the service 31 between Rugeley and Cannock has been revised with buses running up to every 30 minutes. The 33 which goes between Rugeley, Heath Hayes, Clayhanger, Pelsall and Walsall has also been revised to run every 20 minutes.

Keith Myatt, regional marketing and communications manager, said: "Arriva Midlands monitors its bus services at regular intervals, following recent monitoring the need to make changes to local bus services has been highlighted."

Crown Court heard.

Mr Jonathon Barker, prosecuting, said Smith, from Russell Close, Ashmore Park, dropped the child on her head during feeding while 'tired and frustrated' after a sleepless night.

He then panicked when the baby appeared lifeless and shook her for around 30 seconds in a bid to revive her.

The court heard, on Monday, how he lied to doctors treating the little girl in hospital, claiming she had banged her head on a car seat.

Smith also sent a text message to the baby's mother, from whom he is estranged, begging her to take over but she was unable to because she had no transport.

Smith admitted causing grievous bodily harm to his daughter on August 15, 2012, and was jailed by Judge Robin Onions. "He was totally ill equipped to deal with the pressures a baby brings," the judge said. Mr Jon Roe, defending, said Smith was tired and had shaken the baby 'recklessly'.

He added: "He has tried and failed to come to terms with his actions."

"It was the first time the baby had stayed overnight with him. He was tired and having difficulties coping."

"He knows the importance of a father in a child's life and wants to re-establish himself with her although he realises this will be a slow laborious process."

## Ahoy as Jack joins beach



Madison Brown, from Blakenall, meets Jack Sparrow lookalike James Green

A JACK Sparrow lookalike entertained youngsters at a beach-themed party in Walsall. Hundreds of families headed down to Blakenall Village Centre in Thames Road for Blakenall on the Beach.

The community event was hosted by New Horizons Community Enterprise, a not-for-profit organisation, on Saturday.

Attractions on the day included donkey rides, a bouncy castle and raffle.

Mike Brice, chief officer of New Horizons, described the second annual Blakenall on

the Beach event as fun for all the family. He said: "It's the second time we've held this event. We like to bring the beach to families in Blakenall who can't get to the seaside."

New Horizons is organising a trip to Llandudno in Wales for people living in Blakenall on August 23. Tickets are £8. There are 84 spaces on two coaches. New Horizons deputy chief officer Terri Wall said: "We are subsidising the trip. Tickets are on a first come first served basis." For details go into the Information Centre, 4 Blakenall Heath.

# Borough services for young face cuts

SUPPORT for young people, including career guidance and youth groups is facing budget cuts of more than a third.

The services in Walsall could be taken out of council control and run by a not-for-profit organisation or charity to save money.

The funding for the Integrated Young People's Support Services has plummeted from £9.1 million in 2009/10 to £5.8m in the coming financial year. And Walsall Council bosses have warned they are struggling to keep services going.

So they are proposing for a non-profit firm to take on the services. It would save £1.78m over four years.

Some 126 staff will be transferred from the council to the new body, keeping their existing terms of employment. The department includes a youth justice service, that works with 150 children on court orders to help rehabilitation.

And it also funds activities in youth centres and holiday programmes, as well as providing support for families of youngsters with special educational needs. Career advice to young people across the borough is also offered.

## No certainty on body find

A POST mortem carried out on a body discovered in a field in Staffordshire has proved inconclusive, police have said.

The discovery was made last Tuesday on farmland off Meerash Lane, Burntwood. Police believe it is the body of missing woman Amanda Hawkins from Walsall.

Further tests will now be carried out and a report is being prepared for the coroner. The death is being treated as unexplained, Staffordshire Police say. Amanda, aged 44, went missing from her assisted accommodation complex on Sutton Road, Moxley, on May 30.

## Bikers concern

CONCERNS have been raised about off-road bikers causing a nuisance for residents in Bloxwich. They have been highlighted to the North Walsall area partnership through the Mossley Residents Association. The matter has now been reported to police in the area.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

**Eerie exhibition comes to Walsall**

A NEW ghostly art exhibition has been launched at Walsall's New Art Gallery.

Featuring a single-screen video, *We Are Here* documents people speaking monologues as if from the grave.

It is the work of Birmingham-born conceptual artist Gillian Wearing, and echoes her breakthrough display from 20 years ago which featured images of people holding up signs to illustrate their feelings.

The exhibition runs until October 12. For details visit [www.thenewart-gallerywalsall.org.uk](http://www.thenewart-gallerywalsall.org.uk)

**Apartments plan for Waterfront**

A £5 MILLION pound development to build apartments for people aged over 55 has been approved.

Councillors gave the development the go-ahead at a meeting of Walsall's planning committee.

The 44 homes will overlook the canal in Walsall's Waterfront. It is the latest development at the site after plans were announced for a £12m cinema and restaurants. Chairman Garry Perry said: "The complex is going to be a really nice place to live."

**Summertime fun at village's fair**

A BARBECUE, tombola, bric-a-brac and refreshments are all on offer at a free admission summer garden fair this weekend.

There will also be a raffle and toys and books stalls at the event held by Great Wyrley Community Support Unit. It takes place from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, at 156, Walsall Road, in the village, with all proceeds going to the unit's comforts fund.

**Weekend of fun at summer fair**

A BARBECUE, tombola, stalls, a raffle, bric-a-brac and refreshments are all on offer at Great Wyrley Community Support Unit's summer garden fair this weekend.

It is on Saturday, August 2, from 11am to 3pm at 156 Walsall Road, Great Wyrley with all proceeds going to the unit's comforts fund. Entry is free.

**Taking to the hills**

THE Walsall group of Ramblers is going on a 10-mile walk around Herefordshire on Sunday - the hills of Lingen, near Presteigne. Call 01922 692929 or log on at [www.walsallramblers.co.uk](http://www.walsallramblers.co.uk) for details.

# Nursery operators hit out at decision

THE operators of a nursery that has lost its battle to re-open has spoken of their disappointment after a judge ruled it must remain shut.

Catherine's Cross Nursery, in Pinfold Street, Darlaston, had its Ofsted licence withdrawn last year amid concerns over children's safety. The management was said to be poor and ineffectual, while it was said that inadequate learning opportunities were being offered to children.

Nursery operators Darlaston Community Association appealed against the Ofsted move, but the decision was upheld at a First Tier Tribunal. In a statement the association said: "We were disappointed to lose the appeal against Ofsted's decision to cancel the registration of Catherine's Cross Nursery. We are sad that Darlaston has lost a nursery which was much valued by local parents."

Ofsted had said the concerns were sufficient to justify removing the nursery from the register and, after an appeal, a judge has now backed that decision.

The tribunal had 'simply insufficient evidence' to suggest past mistakes had been reflected upon or plans for improvement put in place.

# Veteran racer killed on track

A VETERAN racing driver from Staffordshire has died in a crash during a classic car race at Silverstone.

Denis Welch, aged 69, was racing in the pre-1966 Grand Prix Cars category at the time. The race was stopped and Mr Welch was taken to the circuit's medical centre, but medics were unable to save him.

Mr Welch, whose family were pioneers of the combustion engine, served an apprenticeship in Wolverhampton before working at Reginald Tildesley of Walsall as their Rallye Sport manager.

# War lights move

THE lights will be switched off at Darlaston Town Hall at a night time event to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. The commemoration will take place on August 4 outside the red brick town hall, in Victoria Road, Darlaston, from 9.30pm.

# Study due on move for care home patients

PLANS to discharge elderly people from hospital into nursing home beds in Walsall is to be researched to see how it works in other areas of the country, by councillors.

Beds could be commissioned for patients well enough to be released from Walsall Manor but who need support before they go home. Up to 40 beds could be booked to ease the pressure on the Swift discharge suite at the hospital, which has faced rising patient numbers, and help people who may need physio and other therapies.

Members of Walsall Council's social care and health scrutiny panel have now asked to go and visit homes outside the borough where the model is being used to see how effective it is.

They have also asked for regular updates and feedback from patients and families if the proposals are approved.

Councillor Mike Flower said his own family had been in the situation where his elderly grandfather wanted to return home from hospital but his elderly grand-

mother was worried about how they'd cope. Fears were also echoed by councillor Diane Coughlan who said: "Our aim is to rehabilitate people so they can go home but I am concerned about putting them in an environment with people who are possibly never coming home."

"The staff are used to feeding, toileting and a bit of interaction and we're asking much more of them to help people return home." Keith Skerman, interim executive director for social care at the council, said

there would be multi-disciplinary teams involved so that everyone concerned knew what therapists people needed. The discharge unit at Walsall Manor is currently used for frail patients who have a lengthy rehabilitation ahead of them.

But bosses admit it is becoming 'more like a hospital ward' as the hospital gets busier and A&E admissions soar. The 34-bed Swift Discharge Unit has been in place since 2011. It emerged earlier this month that the move could be in place by March.

# MP calls for probe on medical centre locums

By Deborah Hardiman

**AN MP has called for a probe into the recruitment of GPs at a surgery after complaints from patients that they were served by a string of locum doctors.**

Speaking in the House of Commons, Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz said she has written to the Care Quality Commission.

The MP cites a lack of action when residents raised problems about services at Sai Medical Centre in Forrester Street near the town centre.

She said her inquiries showed that the current Sai operator Malling Health had previously run a site, in Essex, where the CQC found that staff were hired who were not qualified to work with patients and had not been through recruitment checks. NHS England, which commissions GP services through the area clinical commissioning group, said it had received no complaints about the firm since it took over Sai Medical on April 1 this year.

## Written

It said there had been complaints about locums at the site prior to 2011 when a different company ran the centre. And efforts were being made to find a permanent provider for the patients. Miss Vaz said: "Our constituents need more information and transparency in the NHS. Many complained to me about their local GP service, Sai Medical."

"They were told that they had to complain to the Patient Advice and Liaison Service. They were never seen by the same doctor, only by a continuous supply of locums. My constituents were right to complain, yet their voices were not heard. I have written to the CQC asking for an investigation into Malling Health at Sai Medical."

NHS England spokesman Carl Jessop said: "We take complaints regarding the services we commission seriously. If appropriate, any performance concerns will be addressed in line with NHS England's policy and procedures."

## Music to help the Common good causes



Enjoying the Pelsall festival are Melanie, Sebastian and Aisha Freeman



It was a shocking time for youngsters Logan, Dakota and Keeley-Rogue Baksh with their scary face



Rock band Samurai Sunday from Dudley with John Law and Neil Botting

AROUND 2,000 music fans rocked to the beat at a sun-kissed charity music festival held on Pelsall Common in aid of good causes.

The successful show which featured an array of bands and singers was the third to be organised by village group Musicians for Life. And this year it was organised in partnership with Walsall Council's park rangers. Fans were treated to two live stages featuring local bands on Saturday and all proceeds will go to St Giles Hospice and The Teenage Cancer Trust.

Acts included Fabled Finks, the Lock In, Stevie and the Bandellos, Pete Kelly and Emma Langford, False Alarm, Ben & Carter, Ben Farmer, and Aldridge Ukulele Group.

Organiser Becky Menear, 42, said so far hundreds of pounds had been raised from stalls and collections held in the grounds off Norton Road, Pelsall, and the total will be split between the two good causes.

She said: "It was an amazing day. We had about 2,000 people turn up throughout the afternoon. They brought picnics and blankets. Everybody had a fantastic time."



Music fans gather on Pelsall Common for the activities in the summer sunshine

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THE Church of England has ditched the Devil from baptisms, so can we assume that Hell is no longer with us? If so, we will need a new range of expressions. It was announced this week that the Church is planning to use positive discrimination to hand out bishops' jobs to female priests. So if you are a newly-ordained male priest, what are your chances of making it to the top, now that 'a cat in hell's chance' is redundant?

AND off, on a blissfully warm summer's evening, to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre where Stratford Coughing Society seems to be out in force. One person coughs and two or three others join in. Some are subdued "ahems" but others simply cough, hackety-hack, open-mouthed over the folks in front.

A READER who happens to be a retired cop, complains bitterly about the lack of interest, let alone response, he got from dialling the 101 non-emergency number. This alternative to 999 is, quite literally, a cop-out. According to the Police UK website, "non-emergency" incidents for which 101 is deemed suitable are: Your car has been stolen, your property damaged or if you suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood. And if you spot fly-tipping or damage of public property, the cops don't want to know about it at all. Apparently such incidents are a matter for your local council. There is no better way to cut crime than to decriminalise criminal behaviour. And you wonder why the figures for recorded crime keep falling?

JEREMY Paxman's replacement on Newsnight is the openly gay Evan Davis. There is much speculation about how the tattooed and (allegedly) intimately pierced Mr Davis will tackle the big interviews. One commentator says his appointment will reinforce the BBC's diversity agenda and bring "a light touch."



The implication is that a gay inquisitor will be gentler than Paxo because that's what gays are like, right? Consider this. Staffordshire Police, thanks to its diversity employment policies, is proud to be known as one of Britain's most gay-friendly employers. You are more likely to encounter a gay bobby in Staffordshire than anywhere else in Britain. So is the constabulary full of "light touch" bobbies? Not exactly. A survey this week reveals that you are more likely to be Tasered by cops in Staffordshire than in any other county. Explain that.

QUIETLY, very quietly, while all eyes were on Gaza and Ukraine, Whitehall made a tiny announcement. Until now, for every year you delay drawing your state pension, its value increases by 10.4 per cent. From 2016 this will be cut to 5.8 per cent. Just like that. There are lies, damned lies and pension promises.

SO there is to be a full inquiry into the death by poisoning in 2006 of the former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko. Any chance of an inquiry into the death of Dr David Kelly who was found dead during the Iraq war inquiry in 2003? I guess not. How strange it is that the death of a foreigner, probably murdered by his own people, gets proper attention but our own Dr Kelly, a national hero and a hugely principled man, has been denied even an inquest.

ONE of the most impressive statistics to emerge from the Ukraine airline disaster is that at the moment it happened, on a pretty average flying day, there were an estimated 10,000 airliners in the skies. Those Wright Brothers really started something.

A SHOCK-horror survey yesterday revealed that only three per cent of home buyers are aged 18-30. Remind me. When did 18-year-olds ever buy houses?

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Health in borough below UK average

THE health of residents is worse and deprivation higher in Walsall compared to the national average, a new report has revealed.

It states that infant mortality rates, obesity and the number of under-18s getting pregnant are significantly worse than elsewhere in England. A health profile for the borough has been drawn up and released by Public Health England

and its findings have prompted concerns from Healthwatch Walsall.

Figures show more than 29 per cent of children in the borough live in poverty and 22 per cent of youngsters in year six are classed as obese.

The estimated levels of adult excess weight and smoking and physical activity are also worse than the average for the country. It states: "The health of people in Walsall is

generally worse than the England average. Deprivation is higher than average and about 29.2 per cent of children live in poverty."

"Life expectancy for both men and women is lower than the England average. Life expectancy is 10.8 years lower for men and eight years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Walsall than in the least deprived areas."

However, priorities identified in the joint strategic needs assessment and health and well-being strategy have highlighted the likes of tackling health inequalities.

Healthwatch Walsall, which represents the public on healthcare issues, said they would be seeking talks with health service commissioners to see the best way of tackling such problems.

# Council 'will build' on child safety progress

**MORE work still needs to be done despite children's safeguarding services in Walsall having its improvement notice lifted, council bosses have said.**

Steps have been taken to improve the service after criticisms of two years ago, when Ofsted claimed children were left at 'potential risk of harm'. The authority has been closely scrutinised by the Department for Education.

Edward Timpson MP, secretary of state for children and families, has written to council leader Mike Bird to inform him that the improvement notice has been lifted.

Children's services were required to develop a detailed improvement plan following the damning report which was published in June 2012. Inspectors branded Walsall's safeguarding services and its capacity to improve as inadequate. Out of a total of 22 judgment areas, eight areas of practice were found to be inadequate.

Progress has been monitored regularly by the DfE, Ofsted and by independent improvement board chair Chris Spencer. Improvements have included a rise in the number of staff attending safeguarding training, a cut in referral times and an upturn in completed assessments.

The removal of the notice follows a subsequent inspection by Ofsted last year. Mr Timpson's letter

by Craig Hughes

states the improvement to safeguarding services noted in the recent inspection "represents significant improvement in child protection social work practice." However, work is still needed, it says.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said: "I would like to say thank you to everyone in children's services for all of their hard work. There have been difficult times in the past but we can put those behind us now."

"We will need to continue to work even harder for our children, young people and families to make sure we don't lose the momentum we have gained. We recognise that there is still much more work to do but we can and should be proud of what we have achieved."

Children's services chief Councillor Mohammed Arif, said: "There will be further challenges ahead but we know now what we need to do to build on the progress we have already made."

## £10m homes boost

NEARLY 50 homes have been made more energy efficient as part of a £10 million project.

External wall insulation and a new communal heating system have been installed in Bamford House in Bloxwich.

Storage heaters have also been replaced in the 48 flats. Work is also taking place at St Annes and St Giles Court in Willenhall and Barleyfields House, Whiston House, Orlando House and Newhall House in Caldmore.

Cliff Horrocks, director of asset management at WHG said: "This transformation will mean residents make savings on their bills and their homes will be warmer."

## Grease is the word on stage



Performers, from left, Megan and Jamie Carter, Emily Watton, and Jodie Atkins

YOUNGSTERS are having a summer lovin' blast at a holiday workshop that will end with a production of the hit musical Grease.

But organisers Theatre First, based in Great Wyrley, say they need to double the cast numbers currently signed up for the project being run over the holidays.

They hope to attract a West End actor to lead a special session for those who already attend. Preparations are under way at Forest Art Centre, in Walsall, where the sessions are being run this year from August 18 to 30 from 9am to 3.30pm except on bank holiday Monday.

The two-week workshop costs £120 and a £60 deposit will be required to secure a place. To book contact 07971 378425 or via email theatrefirst@gmail.com

At the end of the project the cast will showcase their efforts at three performances of Grease and tickets for the performances are available from the arts centre, in Hawbush Road, Leamore, on 0845 111 2898. Tickets cost £8 and £6 concessions.

## Ex-doctor who ran a surgery dies at 93

A FORMER doctor who served thousands of patients for more than 25 years has died at the age of 93. Peter Pollitt ran his own surgery on Broadway in Walsall, which had 3,500 patients, as well as working in casualty at the old Walsall General Hospital.

He started working in Walsall in 1951 before retiring in the late 1970s when he moved to the village of Cleeve Prior, near Evesham.

Dr Pollitt died suddenly at home. He worked at Stafford General Hospital before moving to Walsall in 1951. He became a magistrate in the 1970s. His son Nick said: "As a logical and fair man he wanted to be serve as a magistrate to be fair to all who appeared before him." Dr Pollitt did his national service in post-war Egypt as a doctor and surgeon near the Suez Canal.

His main hobby was photography. He took thousands of photographs particularly wildlife. He always kept up with the latest technologies talking to his grandchildren on Facebook into his 90s. Nick, an ex-pupil of Queen Mary's Grammar School, said: "He was always proud of his job as a doctor."

He leaves three sons, three grandsons, and two great-grandchildren. His funeral took place on Monday.

## Churches to offer clubs for summer

STORIES, drama and games will be part of the fun when two Walsall churches throw open the doors for their summer holiday clubs for five to 11-year-olds.

St Matthew's Community Centre, in St Matthew's Close, Walsall, will host activity club The Apprentice from Monday to Friday, with guests from Saltmine Theatre Company, at £3 per day. To book, call 01922 626039 or email admin@st-matthewswalsall.co.uk

Across town Green Lane Baptist Church, in Burrows Street, Birchills will host Mega Makers club from August 11 to 15. Sessions will run from 10am to midday and the cost is £1 per day or £4 all week.

Bookings for this venue can be made on 01922 625821 or see the church website www.gbbc.org

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## Academy status bid talks call on school

UNION chiefs are calling for further talks with council bosses and school chiefs after a strike was staged to protest against plans to turn a school in Walsall into an academy.

Bloxwich C of E Primary School, which was put into special measures after an Ofsted inspection last November, is hoping to gain academy status early next year.

The school was closed to pupils on Wednesday July 16 after teachers voted to take strike action and members of the National Association of Schoolmasters' Union of Women Teachers formed a picket line in High Street armed with signs and banners.

Union bosses are now calling for further talks to take place with Walsall Council's children's services boss and school chiefs in September in a bid to resolve the situation but warned that further strike action could be taken in the autumn if concerns do not disappear.

Staff fear that turning the school into an academy would lead to parents, children and teachers facing an uncertain future if a bad decision is made by a small selection of people and have urged that alternative avenues are explored.

## Council move to aid scheme

A COUNCIL will dispose of its land to help pave the way for a new £11 million retail and leisure complex.

Walsall Council is planning to relinquish its interests near the town's High Street as part of the St Matthews Quarter plans.

The council is responsible for an alleyway off the High Street and a report is due before cabinet in the next few months to disposal of its interests in the land.

The plans, from developers St Modwen, would create 11 units including space for retail, restaurants and leisure, creating 200 jobs.

## Special concert

THE Senior Citizens Orchestra Concert will perform its First World War centenary concert on August 7. The programme at Walsall's Forest Arts Centre will include the Old Comrades March. The show starts at 2pm. Tickets at £1, are available on the door.

# Rolling up to help food bank's launch



Mandy Freeman with Councillor Longhi

BUSINESSES have put their shoulders to the wheel to help a new food bank project to get off the ground.

Churches in the Pelsall and Walsall Wood area have joined forces to set up the Walsall North Food Bank to help families in short term difficulty. Among the donors is Carpets Direct based, in High Street, Pelsall, where the owners donated vinyl flooring for the storage unit.

The scheme has been created at Pelsall Methodist Church in partnership with St Mark's Church, in Shelfield, and St John's Church, in Walsall Wood. The project is

being backed by the Trussell Trust, a national food bank chain.

Pelsall's Councillor Marco Longhi presented a special certificate of thanks to the shop's owners Amanda and Robert Freeman for their support.

"Some of our customers who were aware of the food bank asked if we could help in some way. We were able to source some floor materials to ensure the scheme met the food hygiene standards. It's a chance to support a good cause," Mrs Freeman says.

Councillor Longhi, of Pelsall ward, praised the business for backing the pro-

ject. He says those who use the facility will be referred by professionals, including GPs, school and nursery workers, children's services, Walsall's crisis team and Citizen's Advice Bureau. They will get a voucher that entitles them to three days worth of nutritionally balanced food.

"This is all about giving people a 'hand-up', it's not a hand-out. Anybody at all can fall onto hard times through no fault of theirs and this is an interim measure to help them out at a time of need, and it's great that a local Pelsall business supports the cause," Councillor Longhi adds.

# Deadline nears on £1.3m church rooms' opening

IT HAS been years in the making, but the long-awaited £1.3 million expansion of a church used by hundreds of people is nearing an end.

Aldridge Parish Church, has created a new two-storey building for congregation and community use after demolishing its old church rooms. Finishing touches are now being made ready for an opening in September.

## Wartime display at art gallery

A FANCY dress competition is on offer to youngsters for the launch of a new First World War exhibition. It will be unveiled at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery tomorrow, Friday.

Children are invited to come along in costumes from the period, to be in with the chance of winning a gift voucher to spend in the museum shop.

They can come dressed as 1914 schoolchildren, or a soldier, nurse, ambulance driver, miner, munitions or farm worker. There will also be some items of clothing that children can dress up in on the day including a soldier's jacket and assorted headgear.

The new exhibition features a mock High Street with shop fronts, showing life as it was before the war and on the home front itself.

As visitors walk through the High Street they are then confronted with the realities of war, with a painted battlefield, soldier's dugout, nurse's station, mine and of course a trench. The free exhibition runs until November 11, 2018.

The building has a huge multi-coloured glass frontage, central foyer area, cafe, offices, toilets, kitchen, children's room, function room and meeting rooms.

Aldridge-based building contractor Shaylor started work on the site last September and groups will now be stocking the new centre with equipment over the next few weeks.

Children's groups, a youth club and women's group will all use the new centre, at The Green, and church officials say that it will also be available for conferences and functions.

Community groups, who previously used the old church rooms, relocated to bases such as Aldridge Methodist Church and Aldridge Community Centre while work was carried out.

Church warden Pete Ford said plans to expand the church were formed around 15 years ago. He said: "There were attempts to build onto the church but it wouldn't have given us a facility like this. Everyone is really wowed by how it looks"

Over the past five years, the congregation has given around £750,000 to the scheme, grants and fundraising has brought in more than £100,000 and pledges are expected to pull in about £150,000 over the next three years.

## Ale aboard to let off steam at family day



Head of the diesel collection Christian Hatton enjoys a pint of real ale with a 1929 Worthington Brewery Locomotive

VISITORS worked up a head of steam at a family day at Chasewater Railway.

The attraction held its Burton Brewery Locomotive Day that featured trains from the Staffordshire town's three famous beer makers.

Almost 2,000 people turned up to have a look at four diesel locomotives that once shunted beer around the Bass, Worthington and Marstons sites in Burton-Upon-Trent.

Visitors could also sample beers

and hops around their sites. They include Bass No. 5 the first diesel engine built for the company in 1939 that carried out work in the company's grain department, hauling pumping machinery.

It was sold by 1967 when Bass closed its internal railway system and went over to road haulage instead.

Visitors could also see trucks dating back to the 1920s that were used alongside the trains to transport beer and brewing materials.

## Pub revamp bid to meet demand

A PUB in Walsall is to undergo a revamp and expand to cope with customer demand, under new plans which could create up to eight jobs.

Toby Carvery, in Broadway North, could get a new entrance lobby, five new parking spaces and a new pathway. A planning application has been lodged with Walsall Council, which also includes proposals for extending the yard to contain a new storage unit.

A report reads: "The property is owned by Mitchells & Butlers, who propose to invest in the proposed alterations."

## Homes hope for shops area

MORE than a dozen homes are planned to replace an old shop precinct.

A planning application has been lodged with Walsall Council to demolish buildings in Woodside Close, and build 14, two-bedroom apartments.

The application involves building an electricity substation and new access and parking facilities. According to the plans, the site is currently occupied by a terrace of four former shops, now used as six flats and a two storey house.

## Arboretum splash pad out of action

THE splash pad has been closed at Walsall Arboretum to allow for urgent repairs. It is out of action due to technical problems.

Contractors are on site and the splash pad is expected to be open again within the next few days.

People can call the parks hotline on 01922 654370 and follow Arboretum ranger Mark Hopson on Twitter @ArboRanger-Mark for updates.

## Closures alert with mains work

MOTORISTS will face five weeks of roadworks during gas main works starting this week.

They are taking place along Pool Hayes Lane, Willenhall, on behalf of National Grid Gas.

Temporary traffic signals will be in operation throughout the works near to the junction of Castle Drive.

## Superhero crafts

YOUNGSTERS can create their own textile superheroes at Walsall Leather Museum on August 6, with sessions between 10.30am and 12.30pm, and 1.30-3.30pm. Tickets are £1.50, available on 01922 652288.

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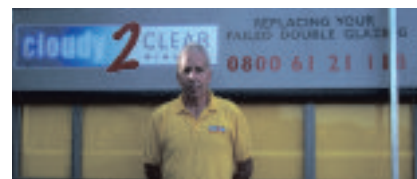
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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

IT LOOKS like the end for the West Midlands' answer to Posh and Becks, with Danielle Lloyd and Jamie O'Hara having reportedly split after claims that the Wolves midfielder had been playing away - well playing at the family home actually - with a blonde he met at a nightclub.

The news will no doubt cause a bit of bewilderment among Wolves fans. Not at the fact that footballers occasionally like to dabble in a bit of extra time which is hardly big news. But how can a single item of clothing have such a big effect on your performance? After all, he never seemed to be able to score in a Wolves shirt.

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A BRIEF recap. Saddam Hussein refused to hand over weapons that did not actually exist, so we invaded his country, and had him sent to the gallows.

Meanwhile, Vladimir Putin supplies his supporters with a giant missile launcher which is used to shoot down a passenger jet, claiming 10 British lives. And the response? We suggest he is not a fit person to host the World Cup. The bigger they come, the harder they fall? Yeah, right.

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JUST when you thought our politicians couldn't get any more ridiculous, it emerges Ed Miliband has been taking advice from Ali G's brother.

Simon Baron-Cohen, brother of comedian Sacha, has been tasked with sharpening up the Labour leader's image. You know, giving him a bit of gravitas, that kind of thing.

This can only be good news. Who wouldn't love to see the leader of the Opposition turning up to Prime Minister's Questions in a yellow shell suit? Or he could woo the green vote by addressing the house in one of Borat's lime-coloured manikins. Maybe draw the line at suggesting he could support Walsall's leather industry by wearing a pair of hide-bound Bruno's shorts, but who knows, it could catch on.

Respect, man. Total respect.

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APPARENTLY, this country is now so skint that there are 300,000 people in this country who cannot afford to go bankrupt. I must say, I was a little surprised until I read it cost a whopping £700 to file a bankruptcy order. Wha-a-at? How does that work? Surely if you have £700 knocking about, you are not actually bankrupt in the first place?

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ABOUT the debate of whether libraries should remove sex offender Rolf Harris's books and CDs from their shelves. Some say they might offend people who see them, others say they shouldn't censor what people read or listen to. I simply say: what is the point?

If anybody fancy going down to their local library and asking for Two Little Boys from the record collection, then they are a braver man than me.



An ornamental path which features in the garden



A close up of one of Peter's Japanese hosta flowers



The Japanese garden took seven years to complete

# Turning Japanese proving a winner

For one award-winning Walsall gardening guru it's always barbecue weather. **ADAM BURLING** reports

**FAMILIES** across the region are taking advantage of the soaring temperatures and stoking up their barbecues.

But not many of them will still grilling their sausages and burgers in midwinter like Peter Vann.

The 62-year-old has created an indoor barbecue at his home in Bloxwich - and uses it to host parties all year round.

His unusual garden design has helped him win a regional competition. And he admits the barbecue in his summer house is always the main talking point among visitors.

The engineer built the contraption himself, with a charcoal grill and tall chimney. It is inspired by Scandinavian kota grills - but with an English country garden twist.

He said: "We have barbecues when there's thick snow on the ground - it's great. I'd seen kota grills before and wanted to do something like that in my garden so I had the idea of putting it in the summer house."

"We also have a barbecue on the terrace outside that we have been using during the hot weather but it's lovely to be able to sit in there when it's freezing cold outside."

The garden has taken him seven years to create, and parts of it have been given a Japanese theme. Mr Vann came out top in the town's In Bloom contest from more than 50 entries.

He has lived in Gleneagles Road for 20 years and said he made the decision to completely revamp his garden in 2007.

And he did not do things by half. He has built the structures himself, including the summer house and the decking.

It took him months to get the basic layout completed, and then he has added



Peter Vann from Gleneagles Road, Bloxwich, with his indoor barbecue area

to his collection of plants over the years since. "I'm delighted to have won this year's Bloxwich In Bloom award," said Mr Vann, who is married to Barbara and has two children.

"People are always commenting on how nice the garden looks and when I saw the advert for the competition I decided to submit my entry."

He developed his idea for a far-eastern theme from working months at a time in South Korea and fell in love with Japanese culture. "It was only seven years ago that I decided it needed a change. I ripped everything out and started again, using borders, decking

and shrubs and plants such as Aralia, Maple and Holly Hedging to give it that Japanese theme."

He has been enjoying the warm weather in recent weeks by holding barbecues outside, but admits visitors are always asking about the indoor grill.

He said: "I'm really proud of it and everything I've done in the garden. I did it all myself and I'm glad people like it."

Mr Vann was offered £50 in garden vouchers for winning this year's competition but decided instead to donate the money to Prostate Cancer UK following the death of a family friend.



The outside barbecue on a decked terrace



One of the colourful Japanese hydrangeas

Nikki Rolls who helped coordinate this year's Bloxwich In Bloom competition said: "Peter's garden won the competition by a unanimous vote. His garden is filled with a wow factor and is his very own Japanese sanctuary."

"With a water feature purchased by his father, his garden also holds sentimental memories of his lost loved ones, as well as having fantastic outside space which provides all year round use."

"There's a barbecue and bar room and an outside lounge complete with an outside fire. His garden is full of Japanese species, planting and shrubs which he designed and built himself."

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

"A GOVERNMENT, which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."

So said George Bernard Shaw. And now we're starting to see that in action with council tax benefit.

The benefit was scrapped last year because ministers said the welfare bill had doubled under Labour. Local authorities were left to their own devices in how to deal with people who had previously been getting their council tax bills paid for them.

They were given the option of either cutting the benefit, scrapping discounts for people with second homes and empty properties or plugging the gap by using their own limited funds.

But they could not cut benefits for pensioners or change the 25 per cent discount for single adult households.

Wolverhampton City Council's plan has been amended this week as it continues to grapple with £123 million of cuts and the prospect of 2,000 job losses.

Around 18,500 households with working-age adults are now set to see their council tax bills soar by 83 per cent.

That sounds enormous, but it's worth bearing in mind they weren't paying that much in the first place.

Since the changes came into effect last year a family on benefits in a Band A house was paying about £120 a year.

That's going to go up to £220. It might not seem like much for the year, but if you're in a household that needs benefits to get by, £220 is massive.

Either way, this can only be a temporary solution. Even in cold, purely statistical terms, taxpayers will end up paying somehow, either for the benefits or through reduced council services.

The best way to cut the benefits bill is to cut the number of people who have to rely on benefits.

That means lots of private sector jobs, paid at a wage people can live off without needing support while also paying tax and filled by a workforce skilled in the trades employers want.

THE UKIP problem for the Tories is not going away. And despite what UKIP would like to think about its appeal to working class voters, it is the Conservatives it is hitting the hardest, to Labour's benefit.

Take the latest polling by Tory peer Lord Ashcroft, who helped bankroll much of the campaign in marginal seats in 2010.

His survey shows Labour are on course to regain Wolverhampton South West next year.

Yet UKIP is the biggest beneficiary in terms of the swing from other parties, taking 11 per cent more votes than in 2010 from the sample reported.

Labour has increased its support by seven per cent. But if that result moves from the poll to the ballot box, that's all it's going to need. A win's a win.

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## Time we found answers on cancer

AS a teenager in the early 60s I remember seeing my grandmother withering away, suffering from cancer. She would only be in her 60s but looked a hundred. In the mid 80s my aunt brought all those memories back as she also succumbed to the same shocking illness.

Two years ago it was my wife of 41 years who suffered from this terrible cancer and did not survive. Now it is a very very dear friend who is battling in vain to beat it but with not much hope.

It seems to me that after all those years

we still are a long long way from beating this body destroying illness.

New Cross Hospital say they have no trials due to reduction of funding. How can we give away millions to countries who don't need it yet ignore our own people?

When will we find an answer to this question; if the human body is so wonderful, why does it want to self destruct. We need to give the funding to find this basic answer.

Let's put our own people first, cost should not be an obstacle.

F BAKER, Willenhall

## Heads can really make difference

AT the end of the academic year many people move on.

The biggest change in a school community can be at the time of a change of head teacher.

We all know all schools must have the highest quality of a teacher to deliver the best education possible for pupils. There is no replacement through theories or methods that tops a good teacher. There is no greater priority for a school than appointing a good head teacher.

Head teachers are the leading professional in a school. Providing leadership and management, evaluating a schools' performance, ensuring opportunities for all learners, day-to-day organisation, while working through others, to raise commitment and standards.

Head teachers can make or break a school. Enjoy your summer holidays. When you return, support your head teacher. I expect they would appreciate all the help they can get in a very demanding job.

CLLR DOUG JAMES  
Walsall

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Unselfish reasons for teacher strikes

WE are constantly hearing about looming teacher strikes but what are they actually striking for?

The pupils must be in real substandard conditions for teachers to unselfishly go on strike for them.

Well it's all to do with money, lack of funding, more specifically, more money for the teachers to take home. Through the endless striking it's become apparent that teaching is no longer a noble calling in life, it's a well paid gig.

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have 46 per cent of the year off; you can see why teachers don't leave the teaching profession.

The teaching community seem to have created their own world inside of a bubble and are against all kinds of reforms that we all have in other careers. For example pension contribution increases and a retirement age raised. In fact teachers are so strongly opposed to pay related performance that the NUT (National Union of Teachers) wants the Government to reduce the number of Ofsted inspections - under the guise of giving teachers, once again, more time to focus on teaching.

Fewer inspections means less chance of being caught being poor on performance with leads to the ultimate goal; more money with the pupils being the only casualty.

D MAHER, Walsall

## Dismay over library plans

THE latest proposal of Staffs County Council to radically change library services fills me with dismay. The proposal is that most local libraries will be staffed by volunteers. This will provide a service far short of that which we currently enjoy.

The current staff are well-trained professionals and much more than handers out of books. In Great Wyrley they also organise and lead a weekly book club; welcome classes from local primary schools and help people using the computers for research.

If we are unable to persuade the county councillors to change their minds our library service will be eventually be lost. It is about much more than books. E-books cannot replace our libraries' most valuable resource - the people who work there.

BARBARA SIGLEY  
Great Wyrley

## Misguided cuts claim

A TORY county councillor appeared on local TV and said that in his opinion the majority of people in Staffordshire had not noticed the cuts they had made.

Tell that to my daughter who drove into a 10-inch deep pot-hole, punctured her tyre and was fobbed off with the excuse that it had only been reported two days before so they had no time to repair it.

Tell it to the pensioners who have had day centres closed and funding for their Social Alarm System taken away. Tell it to all those who have suffered because of the cuts.

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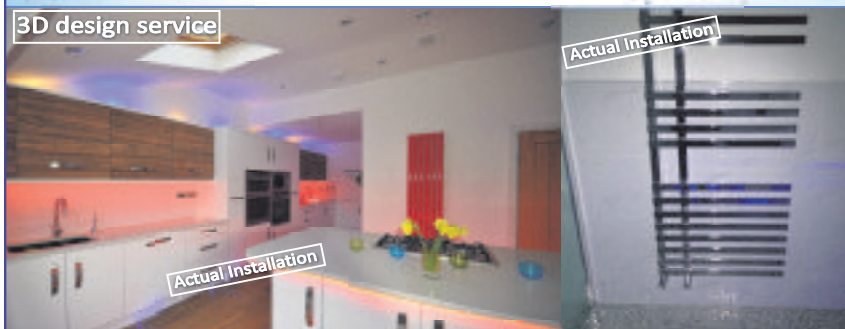
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# Driver who reversed up M6 Toll was over limit

A DRINK driver reversed along the M6 Toll for more than a mile after getting lost and 'panicking' because he had little cash and didn't know how much it would cost, a court heard.

Peter Harrison was stopped by police as he drove backwards up the slip road to the Norton Canes services. The 46-year-old, from Pelsall, had reached a toll plaza but then reversed along the hard shoulder.

He was found to have 82 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35mg. During a hearing at Cannon Magistrates Court, Harrison, of Avon Crescent, admitted driving a motor vehicle dangerously and when above the drink drive limit.

He was given an interim driving disqualification but the case was adjourned for sentencing.

Mr John Peel, prosecuting, said Harrison was seen in the Vauxhall Corsa just before midnight on July 7 this year when an officer was on mobile patrol.

He said that Harrison had told police that he had only consumed one-and-a-half pints on that evening, and had lost his way home.

Mr Brij Chaudhry, defending, said his client had suffered from anxiety and depression adding: "On the night in question he was travelling from a friend's house. He consumed a pint-and-a-half during that evening. He is travelling home, he loses his way and ends up on the M6 Toll

by Craig Hughes

Road. He has never been on before.

"He has little funds, he doesn't know how much the Toll costs. He has never been in that situation before. He takes a most foolish decision and reverses to that service area so he can try and get his bearings."

Mr Chaudhry said Harrison was drinking on the Sunday night, the evening before, and the reason for the excess alcohol level could have been due to a 'top up' from then. He added: "There was no accident or injury to any person. He has shown genuine remorse. It was late at night, the traffic was light, he was on the hard shoulder."

Harrison was given a 12-month community order, 200 hours unpaid work and disqualified from driving for 14 months. He was banned for 21 months for driving with excess alcohol, to run concurrently, fined £315 and told to pay £85 costs and £60 victim surcharge.

## Postie hopes single will be first class



Singing postman Nathan Farrell, from Walsall, celebrates the release of his second CD single

A SINGING postman who landed a deal with a record company has released his second single. Nathan Farrell, who delivers the post in Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay, is hoping his latest track, entitled Keep Your Dreams Alive, could be his breakthrough moment.

The 28-year-old from Bloxwich is signed with the Downtown Artists label and launched his first single 'The Closer You Come' last year. He said: "My new single is more of a pop type of song while the first one was more of a ballad."

"I signed with the record label back in 2012 but because I work six days a week it has taken some time to get the recordings finished because of studio time. I personally think it is a better song than the first one. I have worked really hard and it is all about keeping going and never giving up hope and that you can achieve your dreams. His singles are available for download on iTunes and Amazon."

## Trainees day at college

YOUNG people can attend an information day to find out about traineeships. Walsall Adult and Community College is holding the event for 16 to 24 year-olds on August 22.

The college is hosting the open day at Hawbush Centre, Beeches Road, Leamore, from 2-4pm. It offers traineeships in a variety of subjects including digital engineering, health and social care, childcare, sport and construction.

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# Sharron praises Ellie during college visit

ELLIE Simmonds is an 'inspiration' according to Olympic swimmer Sharron Davies, who praised the Walsall swimming sensation during a visit to a college in the Black Country.

The Olympic silver medal winner and double gold winner in the Commonwealth Games was a guest at Walsall Adult and Community College's staff development day.

The college in Weston Street, Leamore, has been rated outstanding by Ofsted and staff packed into the Forest Arts Centre to listen to the former swimming sensation speak about her achievements.

The mother-of-three said: "It is wonderful to be able to come to the college and say well done to the staff who have made it so successful. I think their efforts should be recognised because they have made such a difference supporting people to reach their dreams and achieve excellence."

## Inspiration

"I have been to Walsall and the Black Country before and it's a great place to come to and I know that everyone has been celebrating Black Country Day recently which is lovely to see."

"Ellie is prominent figure here and she is such an inspiration and has made people realise that you can achieve your dreams no matter what."

Sharron won silver in the 400m individual medley at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow at the age of 18 and two gold medals at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada.

Since retiring from the sport, Sharron has worked as a television pre-



Sharron Davies MBE, right, with, from left, college apprentice Rachel Phillips, principal Jev Bhalla and Rachel Letford, who is also an apprentice

senter and has served as a patron of several charities for disabled children and fitness. She was also a contestant for Dancing on Ice in 2011.

Principal Jev Bhalla said: "Sharron has and continues to be an inspiration to many people today as someone who strives to be the best at what they do."

"That's what today is all about because our staff development day is an end of year event we hold at the end of each term to encourage and inspire our staff to maintain our level of excellence."

"I'm very proud at what we have achieved this year and while this year's academic term is coming to a close, we're already looking ahead to September with the aim of building on our success and doing just as well next year."

Sharron has since been busy presenting poolside at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The 51-year-old added: "It's going to be a busy time for me but as ever I am really looking forward to it."

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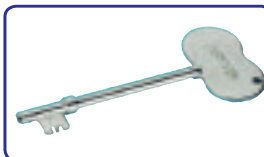
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The Pat Collins Fun Fair is searching for a 'ghoster' – someone who will act as a ghoul on the ghost train ride.

On offer is the chance to scare customers and a weekend paid job with a minimum wage rate.

Bosses are holding auditions when the fair rolls into Walsall Arboretum for the town show on August 9.

Manager Micheal Harris said: "It's not for everybody – but if you can scare the hell out of people without being scared of the dark or of paranormal activity, this could be for you."

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The auditions come following the retirement of Chris Fullbrooke, who put down his ghost outfit for the last time, due to ill health.

He had been ghoster at the fun fair for more than 40 years.

Mr Harris said: "He was a very unpleasant man – his only urge was to scare people."

"We never saw him raise a smile."

"He was the perfect ghoster, really."

Applicants taking part in the auditions should be kitted out with a full costume although an outfit is provided for the job.

Transport costs to the fair, which tours the West Midlands every weekend, are also given.



Gareth Smith and Michael Harris, of Pat Collins funfair, seeking a new ghoster

The fair is at the Dartmouth Park in West Bromwich until Sunday.

It next goes to King George V playing fields in Bloxwich the following weekend.

The fair has been running since 1875. It was set up by Pat Collins.

Pat became an MP for Walsall in

1922 and Mayor of Walsall in 1938. He died on December 8, 1943.

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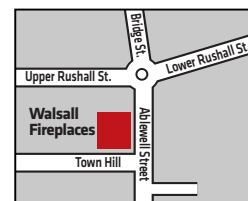
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# Parcel firm extends River Island contract

A PARCEL delivery firm in the Black Country has won a contract extension with fashion retailer River Island for a further three years.

Yodel, which has a main sorting centre on the Willenhall and Darlaston border, first partnered with the retailer on its UK deliveries in May 2008. Arif Ahmed, logistics director at River Island, said: "We have been working with Yodel for six years, and

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"For us, it is important to enable our customers to order late into the evening and receive their goods in time for an event the very next day. Yodel's agreement to accept later deliveries means that we can now take orders up until 9pm and still offer delivery within 24 hours."

Dick Stead of Yodel, said: "We are delighted that River Island has chosen to extend its partnership with us for a further three years. It is a great accolade and reinforces our reputation as the partner of choice for retail."

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Some of the papier mache creations which have been made by students at the college

THREE art studios at a Black Country college have been transformed for an exhibition.

The Wisemore campus in Walsall has been redecorated by art and design students ahead of the display.

The work showcases the creative talents from the last academic year and has been inspired by artefacts from around the world following a trip by students to Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford.

Some of it includes prints, paintings, drawings, collages and vases made from papier mache.

Lecturer Jenny Jones said those who had been along had enjoyed looking at the work. She said: "This exhibition is absolutely magnificent and has been enjoyed by many visitors and students throughout the week."

"Some of the artwork in particular really is outstanding and demonstrates the increasing confidence and talent our students have shown on their courses."

# Road ban man jailed for driving

A MAN who twice flouted a driving ban imposed following a crash which killed a workmate has been jailed for 12 months.

Sharaf Ebrahimi was caught driving twice within the space of four days, months receiving a suspended prison term and driving ban for causing death by careless driving in a smash which killed his colleague Colin Stevenson.

by Mark Andrews

Ebrahimi pulled out in front of Mr Stevenson's Vauxhall Vectra at a road junction in Bloxwich in October 2012.

The impact forced Mr Stevenson's car into a head-on collision with a lorry being driven in the opposite direction.

At the time, Ebrahimi worked with Mr Stevenson at APC parcels in Norton Canes.

In January this year, Ebrahimi was handed a six-month suspended prison sentence and a seven-year driving ban for causing death by careless driving, although the ban was reduced to four years on appeal.

But Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting, said on June 9 this year he was caught driving at 9.15am.

He was arrested and granted police bail, but

three days later he was caught driving again, this time in a van. Mr Lee Masters, defending, said his client had been in custody since he was stopped for the second offence on June 12.

The 38-year-old of Darlaston Road, Pleck, Walsall, had pleaded guilty to two charges of driving while disqualified, two charges of driving without insurance, and a charge of breaching a suspended prison sentence.

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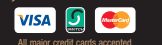


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# Firm to lose its licence after 'illegal' beer bid

A TRANSPORT and metal firm will lose its transport licence after it was accused of helping illegally transport thousands of litres of beer.

Willenhall business Albion Metal & Waste Ltd has broken 'basic rules', the West Midlands Traffic Commissioner ruled.

Commissioner Nick Jones said the firm had used its operator's licence to assist in the illegal importation of alcohol. At a public inquiry, Mr Jones heard one of the company's vehicles had been seized in Dover by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs in January 2013 after picking up the beer in France.

Officers found the vehicle was carrying over 23,000 litres of beer. When the driver produced paperwork for the load to HMRC officers, they found the same document had previously been used for the transportation of alcohol.

### Paperwork

Director and transport manager of the firm, Bryan Jewkes said he had not been importing alcohol illegally at the hearing but the commissioner says he was unable to provide any paperwork to support his evidence. He had not pursued an appeal to get the vehicle back. He has insisted he had done 'nothing wrong'.

But he said he could not afford to appeal against the ruling as it would cost him up to £20,000 in legal fees. Mr Jewkes will also be disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence for 12 months and will not be able to work as a transport manager again until he passes an examination.

The commissioner also heard from examiners at the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, DVSA. Their investigations revealed numerous issues



Albion Metal & Waste Ltd premises at Cemetery Road, Willenhall

with vehicle and driver standards, including that a vehicle was issued with a safety critical prohibition notice for a poor quality repair; a vehicle parked on the road did not have a valid MOT; a number of infringements were found from driver tachograph records. Mr Jewkes told the commissioner he had business experience and that improvements had been made since.

However, the regulator expressed his disappointment that Mr Jewkes could not show how he had dealt with driver offences - and had also been

committing offences himself. Mr Jewkes was unable to produce any evidence to show the required systems were now in place.

Mr Jones said: "This operator had run vehicles to a very low standard without the minimum expertise being met. Mr Jewkes has not performed a proper role as transport manager. It is clear his success had been obtained by manipulating rules, including those relating to the importation of alcohol."

The company's licence will be revoked tomorrow, Friday.

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## Girls are dancers of distinction



**Top performing dance students – Abbie Nicholls, Megan Whitehouse and Sammy-Jo Rowson**

DANCE students from Walsall College have waltzed their way to the highest marks during end-of-year exams.

Abbie Nicholls, aged 19, Megan Whitehouse, 19, and Sammy-Jo Rowson, 18, each got triple distinction star.

The talented teenage trio have been studying BTEC Level Three Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance) and will now higher education institutions.

Their delighted dance lecturer Faye Cox said: "The group as a whole has been very high achieving this year. We're proud of them all but, in particular, for Abbie, Megan and Sammy-Jo to have each achieved the highest possible grade of D\*D\*D\* is incredible both for them and for Walsall College."

The students have been marked on each unit over the two years and have performed in external workshops, catwalks, and a flash mob at Coventry's Ricoh Arena.

They have also worked with top industry professionals from the Birmingham Royal Ballet and English choreographer Matthew Bourne OBE.

# CCTV under scrutiny following cell death

**CCTV footage from a police station is being studied by independent investigators after a mother-of-four died shortly after her arrest.**

The probe was launched after Sharmilla Ullah, aged 30, was taken to Bloxwich Police Station, in Station Road, where she was detained on July 9 by police on suspicion of shoplifting.

She became unwell and was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital where she received treatment before being released back into police custody in the early hours of July 10.

At around 11.45am she became unwell again and was taken back to hospital but was declared dead shortly after arrival.

Toxicology tests have also been carried out.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is now carrying out a probe into what contact took place between the dead woman and West Midlands Police.

IPCC spokesman David Carnell said: "IPCC investigators were deployed on Thursday afternoon to the West Midlands to deal with the death of a 30-year-old woman while in custody at Bloxwich Police Station.

by Adam Burling

"Our work is ongoing, particularly in analysing CCTV footage from the custody suite. A post mortem has been conducted and the results of toxicology tests are awaited."

West Midlands Police said the matter was referred to the IPCC as a matter of routine and the commission has sent investigators to examine the circumstances surrounding the woman's death.

Miss Ullah's sister, Sabina Khadija, claims she was told by officers Sharmilla had died in her cell.

She added: "My mum and my sisters and I are all devastated that Sharmilla has died and we just want to know what happened. She was always the life and soul of any party."

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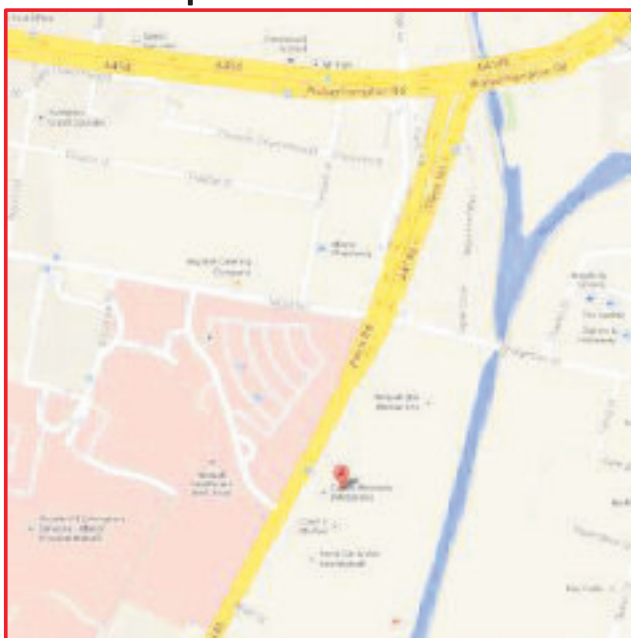
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# Sailor's love letters in hands of relative

**HISTORIC** letters rescued from the remains of a bonfire are now in the hands of a distant relative of the sailor who penned them.

Almost two dozen letters dating back to between 1916 and 1922, sent by Royal Navy sailor Jack Southall to his wife in Walsall about his life at sea, were found by Joyce Onions when she went to view a house in Bentley Lane, in 1978.

Several photographs were also found with the letters, that had been scattered around a bonfire in the garden of the property. Mrs Onions recently appeared in the Express & Star for relatives of the sailor to come forward.

## Recognised

Grandfather-of-four Peter Pritchard was surprised when he recognised a couple in one of the pictures that had been printed to be his late parents, Frank and Betty Pritchard, who were married at St Paul's Church, Walsall, around 1930.

The 79-year-old, of Silver Birch Coppice, Sutton Coldfield, said his great uncle Tom Stokes had lived at the Bentley Lane address with his wife Lily until they both died in the late 1960s. He said Mrs Stokes' sister Annie, who was Mr Southall's wife, had come to live with the pair after her husband drowned at sea.

It is not known where she had moved from, but it is thought she moved address again after Mr and Mrs Stokes died. "My ex-wife mentioned she had seen the story in the newspaper," Mr Pritchard said.

"I think it is incredible they had been found in a bonfire in 1978 and kept all this time. It's amazing."

"I know my great uncle Tom lived at the house and the photos and letters must have been kept by the peo-



Joyce Onions and Peter Pritchard with a photo of Peter's parents



A picture of Peter's parents, Frank and Betty from their wedding day



A sailor thought to be Jack



One of the rescued photographs

ple who bought the house after he died and Joyce spotted them around the bonfire and rescued them."

"She told me he had drowned at sea but she never used to talk about it. That was one of the strange things."

Letters penned by Mr Southall about his life at sea during the First World War and beyond had described how he explored cathedrals, caves and

the masterpieces of Michelangelo as his voyage took him from country to country. He started many letters with 'My own darling wife' and signed off with the words 'your own darling and ever loving hubby, Jack'.

Mrs Onions, 69, of Bradshaw Avenue, Darlaston, who kept the letters in a drawer, said: "I'm absolutely ecstatic that someone has come forward."

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Frederick Bolland, who died at the age of 24 after he returned from Canada to enlist in the Army



The Bolland family, Richard on his mother Mary's knee and Frederick at her feet



MC hero Alec Boucher



Boy soldier Charles Lloyd



Richard Bolland — killed

# How village was left devastated after outbreak of First World War

IN 1914, Griffiths Green in Claverley consisted of nine houses. Six of the households in that one small road had young men who were called up to serve in the First World War.

Three of those young men would never return.

While the First World War had a terrible impact on most of Britain, in small, close-knit communities such as Claverley, the pain was felt more than most.

The church was suddenly bereft of bell ringers and chorists. Claverley Swifts football team found itself without players. And when the young men finally did return in 1918, they came back to a community which would never be quite the same again.

"In 1914, the village of Claverley had a population of around 1,600," says Derek Moorhouse, a researcher with the Claverley Memories Local History Society.

"More than 200 of them were enlisted to serve with the forces, and a third of them were killed or injured."

The role Claverley played in the war was

## MEMORY LANE

By Mark Andrews

commemorated in an exhibition organised by the history society. And it is hard not to be moved by some of the stories.

Take for example, Mary Bolland, a widow who lost two sons during the conflict. "Frederick Bolland had been living in Canada when he heard the war had started, and he returned home to enlist with the Shropshire Yeomanry," says Mr Moorhouse, who is his great nephew.

"He went to Egypt where he contracted a fever, and he died in Alexandria in 1916, aged 24." The following January, Trooper Bolland's younger brother Richard was also called up, and enlisted with the 4th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

He later transferred to the 9th Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers and served at Polygon Wood in the Third Battle of Ypres in October 1917. He was sent back to England after suffering gunshot wounds, but returned to the Ypres Salient after treatment. When his regiment was called to take

part in the Third Battle of Aisne during the German Spring Offensive of 1918, he received fatal wounds.

A telegram sent to his mother on June 11, 1918 – by this time she had moved to Victoria Road, Wolverhampton – was blunt and to the point: "Your son, Private R Bolland, Royal Welch Fusiliers, is dangerously ill. Regret permission to visit cannot be granted." A fortnight later he was dead.

Like many of the young men who grew up in Claverley at that time, the Bolland brothers both worked as farm labourers.

Mr Moorhouse, aged 74, says: "Farm labourers made very good soldiers."

Another who volunteered was Charles Lloyd, a 14-year-old who lied about his age so he could sign up with the 1 Battalion Kings Shropshire Light Infantry.

It seems he might not have found military life all he was hoping for; while stationed in Northern Ireland he was jailed for 14 days after breaking out of his barracks.

In September, 1914, he left for France, days before taking part in the First Battle of Aisne. He also fought in the Battle of Armentieres, where he received shrapnel wounds to his head, but he was discharged

after hospital treatment. In February 1915 he contracted trenchfoot – or possibly frostbite – and was treated in a hospital. In June he was discharged after it was discovered he was not as old as he claimed. His story came as a big surprise to one visitor to the exhibition, his nephew Allen Abbot.

The 66-year-old retired electrician, of Goodyear Avenue, Low Hill, Wolverhampton, was not only unaware of his uncle's exploits, he was not even aware that he existed. His grandfather married Pte Lloyds' widowed mother Harriet, who lived on a farm at Rudge Heath, and their son William Dennis – Allen Abbot's father – was Charles Lloyd's step-brother.

Another village hero was Alec Boucher, a schoolteacher in Halesowen. He was one of four brothers who served. Cyril and Dennis were both badly injured in action.

The lieutenant in the 11 Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment was awarded the Military Cross in November, 1915, after recovering a wounded comrade from no-man's land while wounded himself.

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adults supporting them to retrain and return to work. PTP always say that their staff are their biggest asset and it's great to see that staff stay with PTP for so long. A Long Service Award breakfast was held in May at PTP's Walsall Centre where Maureen received her 25 years long service award alongside Rob and other staff who received awards for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years long service. Together PTP celebrated 275 years of long service between 33 members of staff. Maureen joined PTP as an Office Junior after attending a Job Club run by PTP, Walsall Chamber's training division straight from school whilst Rob began his career as an apprentice with Debenhams before joining PTP to share his experience of the retail sector with other young people. These are two great success stories proving how combining real work with real training after leaving school can produce excellent results. Rob and Maureen together with the PTP team are huge advocates for persuading young people to start their career with an Apprenticeship programme. Rob says '25 years on from joining the Chamber, I am now Performance Through Peoples MD and have been for 10 successful years. In this

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a traditional apprenticeship such as Engineering and Manufacturing but there are also roles in areas such as IT, Dentistry and Care. What's happened over recent years economically has given many young people the impression that there is 'nothing out there' for them but this shows that there are some excellent opportunities to start a career. My advice would be for young people to get in touch with us to discuss the opportunities available and we will help them to find the right apprenticeship and support the application process with their employer." Call PTP on 01543 460050

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Last year Dan Cope, Apprentice Engineer, contacted PTP and was asked to attend a Group Information Session to consider joining the Pre-Apprenticeship Engineering Programme. Dan joined the programme and spent the first 4 weeks dividing his time between the Engineering workshop and the classroom. In the workshop Dan was introduced to bench work and how to operate a lathe before securing a 2 week work placement at PAL Group, Darlaston. Dan really made his mark and was offered a full time position and an Apprenticeship with the PAL Group to commence at the beginning of July 2013.

Dan feels that the time spent with PTP prior to attending work experience helped to build his confidence which in turn helped him prove to an employer that he would make an excellent addition to the workforce.

Dan now has a planned career path that will help develop skills and experience to sustain a bright and prosperous future for him. The PAL Group believe in training and development and want to encourage Dan to take every opportunity to grow and develop within the company. Dan said; "I liked the ideal of learning skills that would enable me to find an Apprenticeship in engineering or construction and this would be a good career path to follow."



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**Melvyn Bragg**  
**Melvyn Bragg's Radical Lives (BBC2, 9pm)**  
In the first of a new two-parter, Melvyn Bragg examines the lives, work and legacy of two men whose ideas have had enormous consequences in their own era and through the centuries. The first is John Ball, the great preacher of the 14th century. Ball's words and beliefs created groundbreaking revolutionary action. For many years he preached his in the south east of England, and was oppressed by the Church authorities he hated. By 1381 he joined forces with Wat Tyler in Kent and led a rebellion, dubbed the Peasants' Revolt. In this film, Bragg examines how they joined forces with many of London's disgruntled city dwellers; met with the king and made their demands.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast** 9.30 Commonwealth Games. 12.00 BBC News. Further live coverage on the penultimate day of the Games. **3.00 Commonwealth Games.** Continued coverage from Glasgow. **5.20 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather. **5.40 Commonwealth Games.** Further coverage on day 10 of the Games.  
**7.00 Commonwealth Games.** Hazel Irvine and Gary Lineker introduce live coverage of the concluding athletics session of the Games, staged at Hampden Park in Glasgow. Nine finals will take place this evening, and there is no doubt that Usain Bolt will be the star attraction, as he competes for Jamaica in the men's 4x100m relay. Somewhat surprisingly, Bolt has never won a Commonwealth Games medal, but he will expect to put that right with his world record-holding team and add gold to his outstanding collection, which includes six Olympic and eight world championship triumphs. The schedule also features the finals of the men's 4x400m relay, 1500m, triple jump and javelin, and the women's 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay, 5,000m and pole vault. Plus, updates from the final of the men's 10m platform discipline at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh, which is expected to feature Tom Daley.  
**10.00 BBC News;** Weather.  
**10.20 The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.  
**10.30 Tonight at the Games.** Mark Chapman and Clare Balding present a round-up of the 10th and penultimate day's action at the Commonwealth Games, which featured the concluding athletics and diving.  
**11.40 Commonwealth Games Sportsday.** Katherine Downes presents a round-up of the 10th day's events in Glasgow, focusing on the medal winners as the 20th staging of the Games continued; National Lottery Update.  
**11.55 Film: The Rookie.** (2002) Fact-based drama about a former baseball player who returns to the big time while coaching a high-school team. Starring Dennis Quaid and Jay Hernandez.  
**2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.** 2.05 BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00 Film: A Date with the Falcon.** (1942) **7.00 Film: The Falcon Strikes Back.** (1943) **8.05 The Living Planet.** (R) **9.00 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age.** (R) **9.30 Great British Railway Journeys.** (R) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** (R) **11.30 Food & Drink.** (R) **12.00 Rick Stein's India.** (R) **1.00 Robert Redford: Talking Pictures.** **1.40 Film: The Way We Were.** (1973) **3.35 Escape to the Country.** (R) **4.20 Beavers Behaving Badly - Natural World.** (R) **5.20 Commonwealth Games.** 5.40 Flog It!  
**6.10 Great War Diaries.** New series. Documentary using dramatic reconstructions to tell the story of the First World War based on the letters and journals of those who lived through the conflict.  
**7.10 Pembrokeshire: Coastal Lives.** Ghost hunters try to find out if more than just a collection of weepies and Nat James marries her fiancé at St David's Cathedral. Last in the series.  
**7.40 Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring has too much to drink during a weekend course with Captain Square, but still manages to save Jones's life. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)  
**8.15 Proms Extra 2014.** Featuring reviews of the Zurich Chamber Orchestra's performance of Bach's St John Passion and the Proms debut of the China Philharmonic Orchestra. Presented by Katie Derham.  
**9.00 Melvyn Bragg's Radical Lives.** Part one of two. The broadcaster examines the lives of two revolutionary thinkers, beginning with 14th-century priest John Ball, who was instrumental in the Peasants' Revolt.  
**10.00 Commonwealth Games.** Further coverage on day 10 of the Games, which are being staged in Glasgow, with events taking place across the city.  
**10.30 QI XL.** Extended edition. Sue Perkins, Reginald D Hunter and Jimmy Carr join Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of questions of the topic of kitsch.  
**11.15 Film: Apocalypse.** (2006) A Mayan tribesman captured to be used as a human sacrifice escapes into the jungle in a bid to save his family. Historical adventure, starring Rudy Youngblood.  
**1.20 Film: The Odd Angry Shot.** (1979) **2.50 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

**6.00 CITY:** Pat & Stan. **6.10 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.50 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.55 Animals.** (R) **7.00 Animals.** (R) **7.05 Sooty.** (R) **7.20 Digimon Fusion.** (R) **7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** (R) **8.00 Adventure Time.** **8.25 ITV News.** **8.30 Weekend.** **9.25 The Hungry Sailors.** (R) **10.25 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.20 ITV News;** Weather. **11.30 Stargate: Atlantis.** (R) **12.30 All Star Mr & Mrs.** (R) **1.30 Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover.** (R) **2.25 Catchphrase.** (R) **3.10 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery.** (1966) Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. **5.00 Film: Valiant.** (2005) Computer-animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor.  
**6.35 Regional Programme;** Weather.  
**6.45 ITV News;** Weather.  
**7.00 You've Been Framed!** Surreal comedy from the mind of Harry Hill. (R)  
**7.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Jim Moir - better known as Vic Reeves - one half of comedy double act Reeves and Mortimer - Dallas star Charlene Tilton (who played Lucy Ewing) and actress- singer Martine McCutcheon take turns on the arcade-style token-pushing machine. Dropping counters down a choice of four chutes, the celebrity contestants have to knock piles of them off a moving shelf - and the more they collect, the better their chances of scooping the £20,000 prize for a charity of their choice. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard.  
**8.30 All Star Family Fortunes.** Vernon Kay hosts the game show in which well-known faces team up with their relatives to win a cash prize for charity. (R)  
**9.30 Film: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith.** (2005) Troubled Anakin Skywalker finds himself seduced by the dark side of the Force and is tempted into betraying his fellow Jedi Knights as conflict erupts across countless planets and the forces of evil prepare to seize control of the galaxy. The final instalment of the Sci-Fi prequel trilogy, with Hayden Christensen. Continues after the News.  
**11.05 ITV News;** Weather.  
**11.25 Film: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith.** (2005) Concluded.  
**12.35 Jackpot247.** **3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R) **3.40 ITV** Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 The Hoobs.** (R) **6.40 The Grid.** **7.05 Trans World Sport.** **8.00 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **10.00 Frasier.** (R) **10.30 Frasier.** (R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.25 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.55 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.25 Speed with Guy Martin.** (R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage of the fifth day of the Glorious Goodwood festival. **4.10 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.10 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.45 Come Dine with Me.** (R)  
**6.15 Come Dine with Me.** Alternative therapist Gill Bright hosts the final dinner party in Swindon and has plans for an Edwardian-themed evening with sophisticated food and circle dancing. (R)  
**6.45 Channel 4 News.**  
**7.05 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year.** George Clarke continues the search to find Britain's best shed, focusing on the Summerhouse Cabin and Normel categories. He and his fellow judges visit a Gothic grotto decorated with 50,000 seashells, a replica 18th-century US frontier cabin, a scaled-down Elizabethan lodge, a disco shed, a 1970s amusement arcade - complete with a 12ft-high Ferris wheel - a 1950s American diner and a museum dedicated to TV comedy Dad's Army. (R)  
**8.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of architectural designer Lincoln Miles and his wife, artist Lisa Traxler, who want to create their own home on the Isle of Wight. They have bought a property on a prime piece of land and set out to convert it into a creative structure that harmonises with the unspoilt woodland setting. (R)  
**9.00 Film: The Inbetweeners Movie.** (2011) Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil plan a holiday to the Greek island of Crete after they finish their exams, hoping to experience drink, sex and debauchery beyond their wildest dreams. However, things do not quite work out as planned. Comedy based on the TV series, with Joe Thomas.  
**11.05 Film: Scary Movie.** (2000) Spoof horror, starring Anna Faris and Shannon Elizabeth.  
**12.50 The Last Leg.** (R) **1.30 Utopia.** (R) **2.25 Film: Mother.** (2009) **4.30** Hollyoaks.

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** **10.00 Access.** **10.05 Emergency Bikers.** (R) **11.00 Emergency Bikers.** (R) **12.00 Emergency Bikers.** (R) **1.00 Film: Rocky III.** (1982) Boxing drama, starring Sylvester Stallone. **2.55 Film: Every Which Way But Loose.** (1978) Action comedy, starring Clint Eastwood. **5.10 Film: Where Eagles Dare.** (1969) Second World War adventure, with Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood.  
**7.55 5 News Weekend.**  
**8.00 Blinging Up Baby.** Documentary examining the growing trend for parents to kit out their toddlers in glamorous outfits, from crystal-covered dummies and frills to hairpieces, make-up and spray tans. In Essex, Sophie-May Dickson has dressed her two daughters like Barbie dolls since they were born, and talks about the criticism it has attracted both online and in the street. Birkenhead shop owner Marie Fullerton has been making bespoke children's clothing for 25 years, and reveals a recent upsurge in trade with people bringing in bottles, prams and bathtubs to be "blinged up". Jayne Ashbourne narrates. (R)  
**9.00 Big Brother.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, who share their diary-room thoughts on their recently departed friend - or enemy. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.  
**10.00 Autopsy: The Last Hours of Karen Carpenter.** Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of the singer in February 1983, uncovering stories of bulimia, heart problems, sedatives, massive weight loss and force-feeding. (R)  
**11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Ryan Clark and Iain Lee present analysis of the housemates' behaviour.  
**12.00 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10 The Dog Rescuers** with Alan Davies. Cathy Hyde helps police break up a suspected puppy-trafficking ring. (R) **4.00 Great Scientists.** A profile of Albert Einstein. Last in the series. (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **5.15 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**10.00** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** American Dad! **2.00** People Just Do Nothing **2.30** Him & Her: The Wedding **4.00** Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Human Planet **8.00** Treasures of Ancient Egypt **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.30** Daily Parton @ Glastonbury 2014 **11.45** Daily Parton: Platinum Blonde **12.45** Queens of Country **1.45** Human Planet **2.45** Treasures of Ancient Egypt **3.45** Close  
**ITV2**  
**11.45** Take Me Out **12.40** Dinner Date: Australia **1.35** The Only Way Is Essex **3.05** Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **5.00** Totally You've Been Framed! **6.00** You've Been Framed! Funniest 100 **7.00** Film: About a Boy (2002) **9.00** Film: Friends with Kids (2011) **11.15** Film: Saw II (2005) **1.05** The Magul Weekend **2.00** Crazy Beaches **2.20** Life's Funniest Moments **2.45** The Vamps: The Hot Desk **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**12.40** Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor **2.55** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** A Touch of Frost **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**11.45** Storage Wars Unlocked **12.50** Storage Wars **2.45** Film: The War Wagon (1967) **4.50** Hornblower **9.00** Film: Goldfinger (1964) **11.20** Film: Death Wish V: The Face of Death (1994) **1.15** Gareth Thomas: Sports Life Stories **2.15** Tommy Cooper **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **4.30** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**11.30** 2 Broke Girls **12.30** How I Met Your Mother **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **3.30** Melissa & Joey **5.30** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** The 100 **9.00** Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) **11.45** The Big Bang Theory **12.45** Virtually Famous **1.35** How I Met Your Mother **3.15** Rules of Engagement **4.00** Being Erica **4.45** Desperate Housewives  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Fantastic Voyage (1966) **1.00** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) **3.20** Charlotte's Web (2006) **5.10** City of Ember (2008) **7.00** Mad Money (2008) **9.00** Limitless (2011) **11.05** Your Highness (2011) **1.10** The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) **3.15** Close

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**CHOICE****Gary Lineker****Commonwealth Games: Closing Ceremony (BBC1, 9pm)**

Gary Lineker, Clare Balding and Hazel Irvine present live coverage from Hampden Park in Glasgow, as the 20th Commonwealth Games are officially brought to a close after 11 days of competition. The ceremony promises to celebrate Scotland's way of life and gives the athletes the chance to unwind after a hectic schedule, with the baton handed over to Gold Coast City, host of the 2018 Games. The Games have been the largest multi-sport event ever held in Scotland, featuring 17 sports and competitors from 71 nations, and they will all have a chance to enjoy their moment in the spotlight this evening. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

**BBC1**

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.45** Commonwealth Games. **11.45** BBC News; Weather. **11.55** Commonwealth Games. **5.35** Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth. **6.35** BBC News; Regional News. **7.00** **Countryfile**. Matt Baker joins foragers scouring the coast of Cornwall for free food, trying his hand at freediving to get hold of spider crabs. Anita Rani joins the team, helping to blast 26,000 tons of rock in a Cornish china clay quarry said to be the biggest in the world, and Helen Skelton sees a tribute to the Heligan gardeners who fought in France during the First World War. Tom Heap investigates Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's plans to bring back garden cities, asking whether it could have a detrimental effect on the countryside, and Adam Henson is excited to receive the keys to a new combine harvester, including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** **Commonwealth Games**. A look back at the Glasgow Games, which took place over 11 days and were the 20th staging of the event. **9.00** **Commonwealth Games: Closing Ceremony**. Gary Lineker, Clare Balding and Hazel Irvine present live coverage from Hampden Park in Glasgow, as the 20th Commonwealth Games are officially brought to a close after 11 days of competition. The ceremony promises to celebrate Scotland's way of life and gives the athletes the chance to unwind after a hectic schedule, with the baton handed over to Gold Coast City, host of the 2018 Games. The Games have been the largest multi-sport event ever held in Scotland, featuring 17 sports and competitors from 71 nations, and they will all have a chance to enjoy their moment in the spotlight this evening. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **11.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **11.25** **Kevin Bridges Live at the Commonwealth**. The comic hosts an evening of comedy from Glasgow's Theatre Royal, with Canada's Katherine Ryan, South Africa's Trevor Noah, England's Simon Evans and Danny Bhoy from Scotland. **12.05** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** BBC News.

**BBC2**

**6.25** **Film**: Sinbad the Sailor. (1947) **8.20** Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets. (R) **8.20** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.50** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** Rick Stein's India. (R) **12.50** **Film**: The Philadelphia Story. (1940) Romantic comedy, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. **2.40** **Film**: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. (1967) Comedy drama, starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **6.00** **Flog It!** Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey head for Monmouth, where they discover a small Austrian bronze and an art-deco bracelet. Meanwhile, Paul Martin examines the work of fashion designer Laura Ashley, and visits the Forest of Dean to meet a local man creating works of art with a chainsaw. (R) **7.00** **Tropic of Capricorn**. Simon Reeve uncovers extraordinary stories and experiences, including a collection of cultures located in the southern tropics. The first leg of his journey sees the globe-trotting presenter cross the sweeping vistas of Namibia and Botswana, where he witnesses the vestiges of German colonisation in Swakopmund and searches for the Bushmen of the Kalahari desert. (R) **8.00** **Dragons' Den**. Two university friends pitch home-brew cider kits, a loose leaf tea company serves up a refreshing treat and a former economics student hopes to impress with his nutty preserve. **9.00** **The Thirteenth Tale**. Biographer Margaret Lea (Olivia Colman) is summoned to the home of reclusive and terminally ill novelist Vida Winter (Vanessa Redgrave) to document the author's life. Vida reveals the secrets of her dark and unsettling childhood at ancestral home Angelfield, forcing Margaret to face up to the tragedy she herself suffered as a young girl. Psychological mystery, with Robert Pugh. (R) **10.30** **Film**: Winter's Bone. (2010) A teenage girl searches for her estranged father, whose bail-jumping threatens to leave her mother and siblings homeless. Drama, with Jennifer Lawrence. **12.05** Sign Zone: The Battle for Stonehenge: A Culture Show Special. (R) **1.05** Holby City. (R) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

**ITV**

**6.00** CITY: Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Chowder. (R) **8.10** Chowder. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** River Monsters. (R) **12.05** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.05** Long Lost Family. (R) **2.10** **Film**: Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High IQ Murder Case. (1977) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.50** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.50** Tipping Point. (R) **6.45** **Regional Programme**; Weather. **7.00** **ITV News**; Weather. **7.15** **Catchphrase**. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000. (R) **8.00** **Foyle's War**. The detective is drawn into the strange murder of eminent art historian Professor Van Haren, who was really a former high-ranking Nazi hired by MI5 due to his expert knowledge of Soviet intelligence. Meanwhile, as Sam's husband Adam embarks on a busy career as an MP, she worries whether she will be able to share some big news with him. Crime drama set in the 1940s, starring Michael Kitchen and Honeyysuckle Weeks, with Tamzin Outhwaite and Rupert Vansittart. Last in the series. (R) **10.00** **ITV News**; Weather. **10.15** **Brothers in Arms: The Pals Army of World War One**. Drawing on archive interviews, this documentary tells the story of the young British men who signed up for the Army with their friends and fought together in the First World War. **11.15** **Premiership Rugby 7s Series**. Gethin Jones presents highlights from the opening group stage, as 16 clubs aimed to progress to Friday's finals night at the Stoop. **12.15** The Store. Home shopping. **2.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **4.15** Britain's Best Bakery. (R) **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)

**CHANNEL 4**

**6.35** Ironman UK Bolton. **7.05** British F3. **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.35** Film: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Briana Evigan. **5.35** Deal or No Deal. **6.30** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Tom's Fantastic Floating Home**. Tom Lawton continues his ambitious project to transform a derelict boat into a home filled with practical inventions for everyday life, focusing his fertile imagination on the way people cook and eat in this second edition. Taking inspiration from fellow inventors and feats of engineering, he designs some space-saving pop-up furniture, an indoor-outdoor barbecue to combat the variable British weather and an aquabike that can be used on both land and water. But will he manage to stay afloat? **8.00** **The Mill**. As the Chartist rally at Kersal Moor approaches, Daniel does his best to inspire the workers despite a lacklustre response. Esther deals with Patience and her escalating abuse of young girls in the apprentice house, while Miriam grows closer to Peter when she offers to teach him to read – causing a stir in the pub. Susannah becomes increasingly bored and frustrated with domestic life. **9.00** **Child Genius**. The stakes are high in the penultimate stage of the competition as the 10 remaining contestants vie for six places in the final. They face two challenging rounds: spelling, featuring some of the most difficult words in the English language, and general knowledge, testing them on a vast range of topics, from geography to astronomy. **10.00** **Film: The Women**. (2008) Comedy drama remake, starring Meg Ryan and Annette Bening. **12.20** **Film**: Somewhere. (2010) **2.00** The Million Pound Drop. (R) **2.55** The Hoarder Next Door. (R) **3.50** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **4.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. (R)

**CHANNEL 5**

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.30** Mio Mao. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Access. (R) **10.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** **Film**: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach. (1988) Comedy sequel, starring Bubba Smith. **3.45** **Film**: Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy, starring Ice Cube. **5.35** **Film**: Hercules. (1997) **7.15** **5 News Weekend**. **7.20** **Film**: Little Nicky. (2000) The Devil decides to put off retirement for a little longer, but his two oldest sons are left fuming – and decide to get revenge by creating Hell on Earth. The job of saving the world falls to their good-natured younger brother, who travels to New York to put things right. Comedy, starring Adam Sandler, Patricia Arquette, Harvey Keitel, Rhys Ifans, Reese Witherspoon and Rodney Dangerfield. Edited to reduce sexual content, language, violence and flashing images. **9.00** **Big Brother**. Daily round-up of highlights as the remaining housemates enter their final fortnight, revealing whether they have got over the tension and paranoia of the earlier weeks. **10.00** **Film: The Losers**. (2010) Elite soldiers are betrayed and left for dead by their CIA employers, but return to seek revenge. Action adventure, starring Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Chris Evans. **11.50** **Car Thieves & Thugs: Caught on Camera**. Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV and technological advances are helping to tackle criminals exhibiting a complete disregard for the safety of others while at the wheel of a vehicle. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **3.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**DIGITAL**

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Top Gear. **8.05** **Film**: Meet the Fockers (2004). **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** People Just Do Nothing. **11.45** Family Guy. **12.30** Russell Howard's Good News. **1.30** People Just Do Nothing. **2.30** Some Girls. **3.30** Russell Howard's Good News. **4.00** Close.  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Sunday Prom: Richard Strauss Celebration. **9.05** Genghis Khan. **10.05** Mad Dog: Gaddafi's Secret World – Storyville. **11.30** Boycotts and Broken Dreams – The Story of the 1988 Commonwealth Games. **12.30** Elvis: That's All Right 60 Years On. **1.30** Kings of Rock 'n' Roll. **2.30** Rock 'n' Roll Britannia. **3.30** Sounds of the 70s.  
**ITV2**  
**12.05** America's Got Talent. **2.45** **Film**: Small Soldiers (1998). **4.55** **Film**: Scooby-Doo (2002). **6.45** **Film**: Back to the Future (1985). **9.00** **Film**: The Holiday (2006). **11.45** **Film**: Billy Madison (1995). **1.35** The Big Reunion 2014. **2.25** Life's Funniest Moments. **2.50** Teleshopping.  
**ITV3**  
**11.35** Inspector Morse. **1.50** A Touch of Frost. **4.05** **Film**: Mutiny on the Buses (1972). **5.55** Inspector Morse. **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. **9.00** **Film**: The American President (1995). **11.25** Wycliffe. **12.30** William and Mary. **1.25** Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor.  
**ITV4**  
**11.00** Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.00** Goodwood Festival of Speed 2014. **7.00** Goodwood: Cars of the Future. **8.00** Premiership Rugby 7s Series. **9.00** **Film**: Two Mules for Sister Sara (1970). **11.20** Hell on Wheels. **12.20** **Film**: Barb Wire (1996). **2.15** Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club. **3.00** Teleshopping. **3.30** The Store.  
**E4**  
**12.30** Melissa & Joey. **1.25** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **2.25** Suburgatory. **2.55** The Mindy Project. **3.25** New Girl. **3.55** The Big Bang Theory. **4.55** The 100. **6.00** Rude (ish) Tube. **6.50** **Film**: Dear John (2010). **9.00** The Inbetweeners Go Global. **10.00** The Inbetweeners: Viewers' Top 5. **12.50** The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments. **1.50** The Big Bang Theory. **2.40** Virtually Famous. **3.25** Hollywoods.  
**Film4**  
**11.00** The Three Worlds of Gulliver (1960). **1.00** Bride Wars (2009). **2.45** Jungle 2 Jungle (1997). **4.50** Rat Race (2001). **7.05** Sister Act (1992). **9.00** Friends with Benefits (2011). **11.10** Boomerang (1992). **1.25** Ashes of Time (1994). **3.20** Close.

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MONDAY

**Murder Without Conviction, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A former nun becomes fascinated with the case of twins who apparently murdered their mother when she learns one of the brothers is being held in the same care home as her mentally handicapped cousin. Her encounters with the supposed killer leave her convinced of his innocence, and she resolves to uncover the truth behind the crime. Mystery, starring Megan Ward. (2004)

TUESDAY

**The Girl He Met Online, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A woman suffers dangerous mood swings and a fierce temper that have ruined all her past relationships. When she meets a new man, she resolves to keep her dark side in check, but as she comes under pressure from her boss and mother, she begins to lose control, with fatal consequences. Thriller, with Yvonne Zima. (2014)

WEDNESDAY

**The Man Without a Face, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
A reclusive and disfigured former teacher meets a lonely teenager, who hires his services as a tutor to get the grades he needs to enrol at the same military school as his father. In time they form a bond, learning to support each other through life's ups and downs – but the schoolteacher's troubled past is about to catch up with him. Drama, directed by and starring Mel Gibson. With Nick Stahl and Margaret Whitton. (1993)



Duplicity, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

THURSDAY

**Thrust the Man, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
Two Manhattan-based couples hit a rocky patch in their relationships. Husband and wife Tom and Rebecca look to therapy and counselling to try to save their ailing marriage, while Tobey and Elaine decide to go their separate ways after seven difficult years together. Comedy drama, with David Duchovny. (2005)

FRIDAY

**Duplicity, ITV, 10.40pm**  
A former CIA agent and an ex-MI6 officer find their romantic past catching up with them as they go head to head working in counter-intelligence for multinational corporations. As they try to outmanoeuvre each other to gain information about a lucrative product, they have difficulty maintaining a professional focus amid the sexual tension. Thriller, starring Julia Roberts, Clive Owen, Tom Wilkinson and Paul Giamatti. (2009)

Baby blues begin to kick in for a terrified Rosie

As the success of Call the Midwife and One Born Every Minute proved, pregnancy makes for great TV. But why are we all so fascinated by childbirth?

Writer Kay Mellor, the woman who gave us acclaimed drama series Band of Gold and The Syndicate, has her own theories. She says: "It's a life-changing situation, no matter who you are; whether you're a schoolgirl living in a high-rise council flat or a 46-year-old rich business woman – your life will never be the same again."

"The fact is there are very few 'lessons' on how to give birth and be a parent. We study for three or four years for a degree and yet we're supposed to know instinctively how to give birth and be a good parent – arguably one of the most important roles we'll ever have in life. The truth is young or old, we're all terrified of it – male and female alike."

So, it's no surprise to learn that Kay has been planning to write a series about pregnancies since at least 2000. "I had the idea round about the same time I had the idea for Fat Friends but there was more of an appetite for Fat Friends at the time

and so In the Club was put on the back burner."

But now the series' due date has finally arrived. In the Club follows six mums-to-be who are all attending the same parenting class, including midwife Vicky (Christine Bottomley), businesswoman Roanna (Hermione Norris), newlywed Jasmin (Taj Atwal) and teaching assistant and blogger Kim (Katherine Parkinson).

All the women have their own issues to deal with, but the first episode focuses particularly on housewife Diane (Jill Halfpenny), who was told she and husband Rick (Will Mellor) would never conceive. In theory, they should be celebrating their 'miracle child', but when a scan reveals more than they bargained for, unemployed Rick feels under increased pressure to provide for his family.

Meanwhile, 15-year-old Rosie (Hannah Midgley) is trying to keep her pregnancy a secret from everyone, but that bump is getting ever harder to hide.

Kay had her first child at 16, and Rosie's story is particularly close to

her heart, as the young actress playing her discovered. Hannah (who soap fans may remember as the previous incarnation of Emmerdale's Victoria Sugden), says: "She told me quite a bit within the first episode as it was nice for me to understand what a 15-year-old would go through when giving birth. She gave me lots of advice, which was really intriguing and intimate. It's so important for me to do it justice for her."

In fact, it seems the bonding process started at the audition. Hannah recalls: "I was really nervous as I saw something in Rosie that I could connect with and I understood her. I also really wanted my next break after leaving Emmerdale..."

"Kay said 'let's do this scene' and I was sobbing the whole way through. I got to the end of the scene and I looked up and Kay was streaming. I thought that even if I don't get the part, I can be proud of myself as it was a good audition."

And with five more emotional stories to tell, chances are she won't be the only one crying by the end of the series.



Hannah Midgley stars, In the Club, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

**World War One Remembered from the Battlefield**  
**BBC2, 6.30pm**

Huw Edwards in London and Sophie Raworth in Belgium introduce live coverage of a commemorative event marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Dan Snow hosts from St Symphorien military cemetery near Mons, where British, Commonwealth and German soldiers are buried side by side. Gareth Malone leads a children's choir singing their own specially written song, and actor Eddie Redmayne and serving British and German soldiers read poems and testimonies. There is also a recording of a collaboration between the London Symphony Orchestra and the Berlin Philharmonic under the baton of conductor Simon Rattle, performing the last movement of Brahms's German Requiem and Butterworth's A Shropshire Lad.

**Long Lost Family**  
**ITV, 9pm**

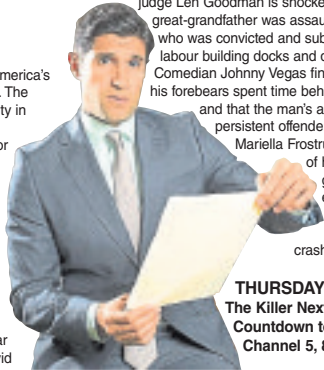
Inge Dart, 66, grew up in Kenya in the dying days of the British Empire, overshadowed by her domineering mother. After becoming pregnant at the age of 19, she was sent halfway around the world to give birth in secret. Banished to Surrey, she was taken in by a couple who looked after her

until her daughter was born. Inge's childhood sweetheart Jeremy soon visited and the young lovers spent what little time they had with their baby. Long Lost Family takes on Inge's search for her child and, in a first for the programme, her daughter's own search for her father Jeremy. Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell present.

TUESDAY

**Kids Behind Bars**  
**ITV, 9pm**

Documentary meeting some of America's most dangerous young offenders. The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in Indiana is home to 40 teenagers serving terms of up to 65 years for a range of serious crimes. This programme follows those spending their first night in the maximum-security prison and others preparing to move up to adult jail. They include Blake Layman, 17, sentenced to 55 years for murder, and Ireland MacKean, 16, who says he wants to stay out of trouble behind bars as he starts a 10-year term for robbery. Narrated by David Morrissey.



Walter, Friday, BBC1, 9pm

WEDNESDAY

**Secrets from the Clink**  
**ITV, 9pm**

The first of a two-part programme in which celebrities embark on an emotional journey to discover how their ancestors coped with serving time in Victorian prisons. Strictly Come Dancing judge Len Goodman is shocked to learn his great-great-grandfather was assaulted by his own son, who was convicted and subjected to hard labour building docks and quarrying for stone. Comedian Johnny Vegas finds out how one of his forebears spent time behind bars for stealing, and that the man's alcoholic wife was a persistent offender. Broadcaster Mariella Frostrup hears the story of her great-great-grandfather, an entrepreneur who resorted to fraud when the economy crashed in the 1870s.

THURSDAY

**The Killer Next Door: Countdown to Murder**  
**Channel 5, 8pm**

It was Christmastime

2010, and landscape architect Joanna Yeates' family were getting extremely worried about her. The 25-year-old hadn't been seen for days, but it was on Christmas Day – eight days after she was killed – that Joanna's body was discovered. The second series of this at times hard-hitting programme begins with a dramatic reconstruction of the moments leading up to Joanna's death, and explains how she originally moved to Bristol for work in 2008 – her boyfriend Greg Reardon worked for the same company. In October 2010, they moved to a new flat, acquiring new neighbour – quiet Dutch engineer Vincent Tabak – but he would go on to murder Joanna two months later.

FRIDAY

**Walter**  
**BBC1, 9pm**

One-off comedy drama, starring Adrian Dunbar as world-weary detective inspector Walter Gambon, whose workload increases when he is handed the cases of an officer who recently committed suicide – and ends up trying to track down yet another fellow officer who has gone so far undercover, nobody knows where he is. Helping Gambon is young, slightly clumsy and more than a little bit stupid detective constable Anne Hopkins – and together they track down the cop in question to a hardened drugs gang.

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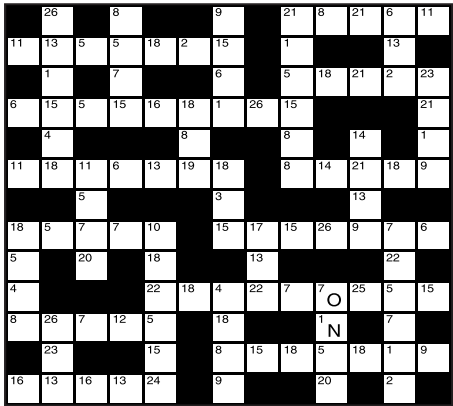
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

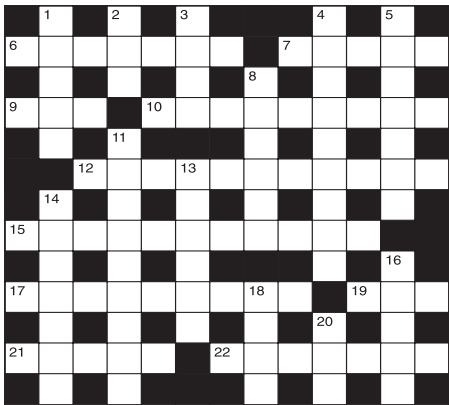
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 6 & 7Ac. The sort of tax from which London benefits? (7,5)
7. See 6 Across
9. See 19 Across
10. Didn't take a straight course to the sea (9)
12. Mixes drinks for second-hand markets (6-5)
15. Being fair, they don't say anything! (4,7)
17. Temporary accommodation for campanologists? (4-5)
- 19 & 9Ac. A Royal Marine permitted to show a badge (6)
21. A piece of music (low notes) required for the tumbler (5)
22. Produce a score to put somebody at ease (7)

Down

1. Arrived with nothing but a kind of brooch (5)
2. Mine is upset by this dump (3)
3. A stone horse of little use (4)
4. He dictates what the rates will be (4-5)
5. Shockingly enraged (7)
8. Restrict enemy movements on a rotational basis, we hear (6)
11. Frilly pieces underneath with animal skins all round (9)
13. When this projectile gets in, it's news (6)
14. Panacea for a learner in cruel confusion (4-3)
16. Right in the money, but this indicates bankruptcy (5)
18. Use the horn as well near the end of the street (4)
20. South Pennsylvania provides a treatment centre (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

6. Obstruction (7)
7. Vex (5)
9. Attempt (3)
10. Stakes (9)
12. Compensation (11)
15. Understaffed (5-6)
17. Society (9)
19. Passage (3)
21. Representative (5)
22. Unresisting (7)

Down

1. Ward off (5)
2. Thirsty (3)
3. Sharp (4)
4. Not wanted (9)
5. Satisfied (7)
8. Keep (6)
11. Harm (9)
13. Near (2,4)
14. By means of (7)
16. Forgo (5)
18. Salver (4)
20. Request (3)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
 CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Blotting paper; 8 Dominant; 9 Bomb; 10 Papers; 12 Torrid; 14 Detail; 16 Deigns; 18 Rood; 20 Tolerate; 22 Electric razor.  
 Down: 1 Allocate; 2 Strike; 3 Lima; 4 Agitated; 5 Camber; 6 Seam; 11 Solitary; 13 Ignition; 15 Addict; 17 Inroad; 19 Oils; 21 Lock. QUICK - Across: 7 Overstatement; 8 Pretence; 9 Need; 10 Tureen; 12 Gossip; 14 Hectic; 16 Hustle; 18 Face; 20 Nonsense; 22 Contemplation. Down: 1 Overture; 2 Writhe; 3 Stun; 4 Strength; 5 Amends; 6 Once; 11 Nickname; 13 Illusion; 15 Treaty; 17 Sheath; 19 Atom; 21 Null.

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**HAWKSWELL DR, W'HALL**  
One Bed End Town House Having Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, Off Road Parking And Enclosed Garden, Ideal First Time Buy! MUST VIEW.

£62,500

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**FOR SALE**



**SQUIRES GROVE, NEW INV**  
Two Bed First Floor Apartment, Communal Entrance Hall, Private Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Master With En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Electric Heating, D/Glazing And Allocated Parking.

£88,000

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**FOR SALE**



**POPLAR AVE, BENTLEY**  
Three Bedroom End Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, W.C And Shower Room. Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating. Front & Rear Gardens.

£95,000

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**FOR SALE**



**BENTON CL, WILLENHALL**  
Three Bedroom Mid Town House. Comprises Of 20ft Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Lobby With Both W.C And Storage Cupboard And Family Bathroom. Also Benefits From UPVC D/Glazing And Central Heating.

£102,000

**ONE PLOT REMAINING**

**FOR SALE**



**LANE HEAD CLOSE, W'HALL**  
Two Bed Town House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Guest W.C, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, En-suite Shower Room To Master And Family Bathroom. D/Glazing & C/Heating. Garden To Rear.

£125,000

**NEW INSTRUCTION**

**FOR SALE**



**LICHFIELD RD, WILLENHALL**  
Three Bed Semi Detached Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Extended Kitchen/Diner, Shower Room. UPVC D/Glazed And Central Heated. Front And Rear Gardens, Driveway And Garage.

£135,000

**NEW INSTRUCTION**

**FOR SALE**



**AMPLEFORTH DRIVE, W'HALL**  
Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Ground Floor W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen With Dining Area And Modern Family Bathroom. UPVC D/Glazed And Central Heated. Off Road Parking, Garden To Rear.

£139,950

**NEW INSTRUCTION**

**FOR SALE**



**PATTENHAM CL, W'HALL**  
Three Bed Town House. Ground Floor Has Lounge, Kitchen/Diner And W.C. First Floor Has Two Double Bedrooms And Bathroom, With The Master Bedroom And En-Suite Shower Room On The Second Floor.

£145,000

**FOR SALE**



**GIPSY LANE, WILLENHALL**  
Three Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing. Close To Willenhall Town Centre Giving Access To Good Local Amenities, Schools and Transport Links. Great Investment Property.

£74,995

**NEW INSTRUCTION**

**FOR SALE**



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Three Bed Semi Entrance Hall, Guest W.C, Fitted Kitchen & Through Lounge, Family Bathroom And Separate W.C. UPVC D/Glazing & G/Central Heating. Front And Rear Gardens. CASH OFFERS, INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.

£78,000

**NEW INSTRUCTION**

**FOR SALE**



**HUNTINGTON RD, NEW INV.**  
Well Presented Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility Area, Two Double Bedrooms And Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Rear Garden And Off Road Parking.

£80,000

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**CANNOCK RD, NEW INVENTION**  
One Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom And Bathroom. Outside There Is A Gravelled Garden, Allocated Parking Space And Garage In A Separate Block.

£83,000

**FOR SALE**



**REDWOOD WAY, COPPICE FARM**  
Immaculately Presented One Bed Ground Floor Flat Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Modern Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden And Driveway.

£89,995

**FOR SALE**



**CHAUCER AVE, SHORT HEATH**  
Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Side Storage Area, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden.

£89,995

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**FOR SALE**



**BLENHEIM RD, SUMMER HAYES**  
Immaculately Presented Two Bed Ground Floor Flat Comprising Of Entrance Porch/Utility Area, Lounge, Kitchen, Hall, Two Bedrooms And Modern Bathroom. Outside There Is An Enclosed Rear Garden & Further Lawn Area To The Side. MUST VIEW.

£95,000

**FOR SALE**



**COLTHAM RD, SHORT HEATH**  
Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor Bathroom And Three Bedrooms. Off Road Parking To The Front And Garden To The Rear.

£100,000

**FOR SALE**



**LEACROFT, NEW INVENTION**  
Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Lean-To, Two Brick Built Outbuildings And Family Bathroom. Off Road Parking To Front And Enclosed Garden To Rear.

£105,000

**FOR SALE**



**WALKERS FOLD, SHORT HEATH**  
Two Bed Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner And Modern Shower Room. Outside Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces & Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN!

£107,500

**FOR SALE**



**HAWTHORNE PLACE, BENTLEY**  
Two Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Lean-To With W.C & Outhouse. Family Bathroom To First Floor. D/Glazing & C/Heating. Gardens To The Front And Rear.

£115,000

**FOR SALE**



**STUBBINGTON CL, PORTOBELLO**  
Two Bed Detached Bungalow. Comprises Of Entrance Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Sunroom, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms Both With Fitted Wardrobes And Family Bathroom. UPVC Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Detached Garage And Driveway. Good Transport Links To Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Bilston & Walsall.

£125,000

**FOR SALE**



**PRESTWOOD AVE, W'FIELD**  
Three Bed Traditional Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, 24ft Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen And Family Bathroom. Outside Is Off Road Parking And An Enclosed Rear Garden.

£129,995

**FOR SALE**



**WOODSIDE WAY, SHORT HEATH**  
Extended Two Bedroom Semi Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom And Detached Garage, Part D/Glazing & C/Heating.

£130,000

**FOR SALE**



**SANDRINGHAM AVE, W'HALL**  
Three Bed Semi Detached Property Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hallway, Spacious Through Lounge/Diner, Extended Kitchen, Refitted Family Bathroom, Hardwood D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage & Driveway.

£130,000

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**LOMBARDY GDN, SHORT HEATH**  
Superbly Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached Property. Comprises Of Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms & Bathroom. Gardens To Both The Front And Rear. Detached Garage And Driveway. MUST VIEW!

£132,500

**NEW INSTRUCTION**

**FOR SALE**



**SHEPHERD GREEN, W'HALL**  
Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, Gas C/Heating, Off Road Parking, Gardens To Front And Rear.

£130,000

**FOR SALE**



**BASALT CLOSE, REEDSWOOD**  
Modern Three Bedroom End Town House Comprising Of Fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, En-Suite, Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking. Viewing Recommended!

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**DARVEL RD, WILLENHALL**  
Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, Gas C/Heating, Integral Garage, Driveway And An Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£140,000

**FOR SALE**



**WILLENHALL RD, BILSTON**  
Extended Three Bed Semi Detached House Comprising Of Entrance Porch And Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Extended Modern Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Ground Floor W.C, First Floor Family Bathroom. Generous Garden To The Front And Side, Off Road Parking & Garage. Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

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**FRANCHISE ST, WEDNESBURY**  
Three Bedroom End Terrace Property. Entrance Hall, Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room, Family Bathroom And Half Cellar. Outside Is Driveway, Garage And An Enclosed Rear Garden.

£154,995

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**FOR SALE**



**ALVINGTON CL, WILLENHALL**  
Extended Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch & Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Inner Hall, Ground Floor W.C, Extended Kitchen With Dining Area, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Off Road Parking And Rear Garden.

£155,000

**FOR SALE**



**PRINCETHORPE RD, WILLENHALL**  
Superbly Presented Four Bedroom Town House Comprising Of Lounge, Ground Floor W.C, Sitting Room, Modern Kitchen/Diner, Four Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room To Master Bed And Family Bathroom. MUST VIEW

£159,995

**FOR SALE**



**BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, W'HALL**  
Extended Five Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch & Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area, Ground Floor W.C, Additional Sitting Room And Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Driveway.

£160,000

**FOR SALE**



**SHEPHERD GREEN, W'HALL**  
Modern Three Bed Detached Corner Bungalow, Ground Floor Comprises Of Lounge/Diner, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom And Family Bathroom. First Floor There Are A Further Two Bedrooms And Second Family Bathroom. Outside Is A Detached Garage, Front Garden And Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£164,995

**FOR SALE**



**HIGHMOOR CL, COPPICE FARM**  
Three Bed Detached Having Lounge, Separate Dining Room With UPVC Double Glazed French Doors, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom With Fitted Wardrobes, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Block Paved Driveway.

£169,995

**FOR SALE**



**THE GREEN, DARLASTON**  
Four Bed Detached House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C, Rear Hallway, En-Suite Shower To Master Bed & Family Bathroom. Rear Garden & Off Road Parking.

£169,995

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**FOR SALE**



**LICHFIELD RD, NEW INVENTION**  
Two Bed Detached Bungalow Having Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway.

£180,000

**VIEWING ADVISED**

**FOR SALE**



**BILSTON RD, WILLENHALL**  
Traditional Three Bed Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, External Boiler Room And W/C, Three Bedrooms, Box Room And Family Bathroom.

£199,995

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**FOR SALE**



**BUSH STREET, DARLASTON**  
Three Bed Cottage Style Detached Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Bathroom, Fitted Kitchen, Two Reception Rooms & En-Suite W.C To Master Bed. Outside Is Gated Parking, Double Garage With Office & Garden.

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- Spacious mid terraced property
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- Shower room & separate wc
- Rear garden

**£550 PCM**

EPC: C



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- Through lounge diner
- Kitchen • Utility/second kitchen
- space with integrated hob
- Three/Four bedrooms
- Downstairs shower room
- Family bathroom • Rear garden
- Gas ch & UPVC Double glazed
- Off road parking, Unfurnished

**£700.00**

EPC: C



### THE CRESCENT WILLENHALL

- Period style mid terraced property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas c/heating & d/ glazing
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Rear garden

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- Off road parking

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EPC: D



### DEYNCOURT ROAD WEDNESFIELD

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms • Lounge & dining room • D/heating & d/glazing
- Fitted kitchen • Bathroom
- Garage & off road parking

**£560.00 PCM**

EPC: Tbc



### PACKWOOD CLOSE WILLENHALL

- Much improved mews house in popular location
- One bedroom • Refitted kitchen
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- UPVC d/glazing • Enclosed garden
- Off road parking

**£425 PCM**

EPC: D



### GIPSY LANE WILLENHALL

- Restored large Edwardian semi detached villa
- Two double bedrooms • Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen & utility • Bathroom & guest wc
- Off road parking

**£450 PCM**

EPC: D



### BUSHBURY ROAD WOLVERHAMPTON

- Spacious semi detached
- Three bedrooms • Two reception rooms
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COPPICE FARM

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- Highly Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Utility with WC
- Garage
- Driveway
- Further Rear Driveway
- Gardens
- Bathroom

£175,000

### MANAGER'S CHOICE

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EPC D



**DURSLEY CLOSE**  
WILLENHALL

- Pleasantly Appointed Detached
- Corner Plot Location
- Potential to Extend (STPP)
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Majority UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Double Length Garage
- Spacious Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom with White suite and shower
- Ample off road parking

OFFERS OVER £144,950

### PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

NEW

EPC D



**FIVE OAKS ROAD**  
WILLENHALL

- Extended Traditional Semi Detached Property
- Very Popular Road
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage and Driveway
- Pleasant Gardens
- No chain

£145,000

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**CRAB LANE**  
WILLENHALL

- Impressive Early 1950s Detached
- Outstanding Extensive Plot
- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Wc
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Superb Potential to Extend STPP
- Very Long Driveway
- Garage

£360,000



**YALE ROAD**  
WILLENHALL

- Impressive Mid town house
- Three good size bedrooms
- Hall with guest wc
- Spacious lounge and conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Garage
- Driveway
- Gardens
- No chain

£149,950



**CORONATION AVENUE**  
COUNTY BRIDGE

- Traditional Semi Detached
- No Chain
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens

£125,000



**MEMORIAL CLOSE**  
WILLENHALL

- Superb Modern Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing
- Pleasant Gardens
- Driveway

£125,000



**FLETCHERS LANE**  
WILLENHALL

- Immaculately Presented End Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Luxury Bathroom
- Superb Loft Room
- Excellent Shower room
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Delightful Landscaped Rear Garden

OFFERS OVER £110,000



**HILTON ROAD**  
NEW INVENTION

- Well presented mid terrace
- Three good size bedrooms
- Hall with guest wc
- Superb refitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Rear garden
- No chain

OFFERS OVER £100,000



**JANE LANE CLOSE**  
BENTLEY

- Much Improved Mid Terrace Property
- Cul de sac Location
- Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Gardens
- No Chain
- Part Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing
- Driveway for 2 cars

£80,000



**KING CHARLES AVENUE**  
BENTLEY

- Extended Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Garage
- No Chain
- Garage
- Gardens
- AUCTION PROPERTY

STARTING BID £69,950



**HONEYBOURNE WAY**  
WILLENHALL

- Modern Link Detached
- Popular Estate
- Hall with Guests Wc
- Large Lounge
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

£159,950



**SNEYD LANE**  
ESSINGTON

- Attractive Extended Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Extended Lounge
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Delightful Rear Gardens

£239,950



**NIGHTINGALE CRESCENT**  
COPPICE FARM

- Modern Detached Property
- Prime location
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility with wc
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite
- Refitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Rear Garden
- Garage

£228,000



**LAKESIDE CLOSE**  
WILLENHALL

- Extended Modern Link Detached
- Spacious 18ft Lounge
- Hall with Guest wc
- Dining Room
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Refitted En-suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Garage
- Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£155,000



**REID AVENUE**  
SHORT HEATH

- Superb modern dormer bungalow
- Corner plot location
- Three double bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Large lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Garage
- Driveway
- Corner gardens

£153,950



**HONEYBOURNE WAY**  
WILLENHALL

- Modern Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Through lounge/dining room
- Sitting room
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Luxury refitted shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden

OFFERS OVER £153,000



**LONGWOOD RISE**  
WILLENHALL

- Deceptively spacious semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- 32ft games room/bedroom 4
- En-suite
- Driveway
- Rear garden

£145,000



**SQUIRES GROVE**  
NEW INVENTION

- Well presented second floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Large lounge with dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- En-suite
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Allocated parking space
- Possibility to be a Higher %
- No chain

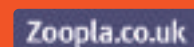
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- Newly Fitted Family Bathroom
- Double Garage

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- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen with Appliances
- Further Reception/
- Garage
- En-Suite Bathrooms & Cloakroom
- Conservatory
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- Front Garden
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- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region Of £134,950



**Coltham Road  
WILLENHALL**

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Large Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Allocated Off Road Parking

In the Region of £130,000



**Harden Road  
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Ample Off Road Parking

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**Lichfield Road  
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining
- Room
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

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**Bentley Lane  
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge
- Open Plan Kitchen/
- Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Gated Allocated Parking

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- Kitchen
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- Room
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Off Road Parking

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- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Potential for Extension
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
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WALSALL**

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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

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- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Lounge with Juliet Balcony
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- Family Bathroom
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- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
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- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
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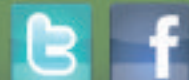
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- Family Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Corner Plot Location
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**Stamping Way  
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- Four Bedroom Three Storey
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
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- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Off Road Parking

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**Ganton Road  
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**Field Road  
BLOXWICH**

- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Fully Re-Furnished
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room/WC
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Garages & Workshop

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**Miles Meadow Close  
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- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Guest W.C.
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Three Further Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking

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**Gorey Close  
WILLENHALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility/W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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**Pattenham Close  
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Gardens
- Master Bedroom
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Parking

**In the Region of £149,950**



**Wolverhampton Road  
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Re-Furnished
- Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility
- Guest W.C.
- Master Bed with En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Heating
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- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking

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WALSALL**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
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- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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**Station Road  
RUSHALL**

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Viewing is Essential

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**Well Lane  
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Ample Off Road Parking

**Offers in Excess of £120,000**



**Loriners Grove  
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Gated Parking
- Viewing Essential

**In the Region of £109,000**



**Walkers Fold  
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

**In the Region of £107,950**



**Moncrieffe Street  
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Thorough Lounge/Dining Room
- Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Courtyard & Garden
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

**In the Region of £87,000**



**Star Close  
BENTLEY**

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing

**Offers in Excess of £80,000**



**Raleigh Street  
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Rear Courtyard & Gardens

**Offers in Excess of £80,000**



**Blakenall Lane  
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Potential to Extend
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

**Offers in Excess of £80,000**



**WILLENHALL  
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- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- En Suite To Master
- Energy Rating: Double Garage

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£215,000**

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Sedgley



- Extended Detached
- Upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- Extended to rear ground floor / first floor
- Epc D, Reception hall - guest cloakroom

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£199,995**

Hydes Road  
West Bromwich

**NEW**



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating TBC, Conservatory

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£199,950**

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- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Master Bedroom With En-suite Shower Room
- Three Further Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Energy Rating D, Lounge & Sitting Room

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- Spacious Traditional Semi Detached Home
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Lounge & Two Further Reception Rooms
- Large Mature Rear Garden, Modern Kitchen

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- Potential to Extend (Subject to planning)
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Garage & Off Road Parking

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- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (except one)

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- Garage Conversion
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Delves Green Road  
Walsall

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- Traditional Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen
- Contemporary Style Throughout

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£157,500**

Little Island Drive  
Willenhall



- 3 Bedroom Modern Semi
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£150,000**

Manorhouse Close  
Walsall

**NEW**



- Three Storey Modern Mid Town House
- Master Bedroom With En-suite Shower Room
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Energy Rating C
- Family Bathroom & Ground Floor WC

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£155,000**

Goldby Drive  
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- Popular Cul-de-Sac Location
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Hill Top  
West Bromwich

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- Semi Detached Property
- epc D, Reception hall - No Upward Chain
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Energy Rating TBC, Three Bedrooms

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£135,000**

Eleanor Road  
Bilston



- New build
- 2 Bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Entrance hall
- epc, reception hall

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£135,000**

Rainham Close  
Tipton



- Extended Semi Detached
- Much Sought After cul de sac Location
- upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- epc, reception hall

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£134,950**

Doe Bank Road  
Tipton



- Traditional Semi Detached
- Upvc Double Glazing - gas central heating
- Improved accommodation - no upward chain
- epc, Porch - reception hall

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£129,950**

Scholars Walk  
Walsall



- Modern Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating TBC
- Double Glazed As Stated

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£129,950**

Crankhall Lane  
Wednesbury

**NEW**



- Gas Central Heating System
- Allocated Parking For 2 Vehicles
- Enclosed Rear Garden, Family Bathroom & Conservatory

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£129,950**

Crankhall Lane  
Wednesbury



- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- EPC Rating: D, Lounge

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£120,000**

Dagger Lane  
West Bromwich



- Deceptively Spacious Terrace
- Sought After Location
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Energy Rating F, Two Reception Rooms

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£110,000**

Alder Road  
Wednesbury



- 1 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- EPC Rating: D, No Chain!

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£100,000**

Ernest Road  
Dudley



- Semi Detached
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- epc D, Reception hall

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£92,500**

Dora Street  
Walsall



- Mid Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Viewing Essential, First Floor Bathroom

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**

Orchard Road  
Willenhall



- 2 Bedroom Modern House
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Sunroom

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**

Scott Street  
Tipton



- Modern terrace / coach house
- Upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- No upward chain
- EPC Rating: C, Reception hall

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**

Whitgreave Street  
West Bromwich



- Extended semi detached
- upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- no upward chain
- epc C, reception hall

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**

Carisbrooke Road  
Wednesbury



- A Spacious 4 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating: TBC, Reception Hall & Guest WC

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**

Colbourne Road  
Tipton



- Middle Terrace
- upvc double glazing - gas central heating
- no upward chain
- epc, Lounge

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£64,950**

Groveland Road  
Tipton



- modern first floor apartment
- upvc double glazing
- gas central heating - no upward chain
- reception hall

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£45,000**

Burrs Drive  
Wednesbury



- A Modern 1st Floor 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Electric Storage Heating
- EPC Rating: B, Approached via Secure Intercom

Viewing: OFFERS AROUND: **£44,500**

Keyworth Close  
Tipton



- Modern Semi Detached
- 50% Share Ownership Scheme
- Upvc Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating
- epc D, Reception Hall

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# You can get a slice of the action with new Leon FR

By John Griffiths

**You can't have your cake and eat it, so the old saying goes: but like so many things in the motoring world technology has changed all that.**

You can have a car that is both fast and frugal, and one of the best examples currently on the market is SEAT's Leon FR, the diesel-fuelled equivalent of the mighty Cupra.

In three-door coupe body style only, it's sleek, stylish and better equipped than many more expensive 'premium' saloons: it's also capable of tackling the 0 to 62mph in 7.4 seconds and yet it is also capable of averaging more than 62mpg with low CO2 emissions of 119g/km.

That's with the DSG automated transmission: the six-speed manual isn't any quicker but fuel consumption and CO2 emissions are a bit lower still.

But it isn't only quick in the sprint: with 380NM of torque (more than a Porsche Cayman) from as low as 1,750rpm it pulls strongly from the word go, unleashing convincing in-gear acceleration for rapid exits to corners and effective overtaking.

There are rivals – the flagships of the diesel-powered Golf GTis and Audi A3s which are, of course, from the same stable, with the same engine. There's also the BMW 1 Series M Sport, but you'd have to pay between £2,200 and £5,000 more for one of these different badges.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder but the FR is arguably the real head-turner or the bunch, with its sculptured body work and LED headlights and taillights.

Unlike many hot hatchbacks of the past, the Leon is one of the most complete cars around, and one that will bring a smile to your face and, with room for five in comfort, it's also perfect for transporting the family. Like all new generation Leons, there's more head and legroom and boot space is up by around ten per cent, to 390 litres with five on board.

The FR has sports suspension and the car is lowered by some 15mm, with steering that is light yet positive which makes tackling twisty roads a pleasure.

The top FRs (there's also a 150Ps version) also get a multi-link suspension system, designed to ensure maximum contact between tyre and road. And like all new-generation Leons, it's considerably lighter and has a wider track than its predecessor to improve handling.

## Smooth

The sharp handling doesn't come at the expense of a typically harsh sporting car ride: in fact it is notably smooth and quiet. It has a combination of real-world performance, passenger comfort and refinement which would make it a serious competitor in the grand tourer class.

At the car's heart is a two-litre, turbocharged diesel (the same used in the Golf and Audi) with 184ps of power, or 181bhp in old money, which for SEAT is reserved solely for FR models.

The test car was fitted with the group's DSG dual clutch, six-speed transmission which is renowned for its smooth and responsive operation.

Naturally there are paddles behind the steering wheel for rapid manual changes. I find the DSG's electronic controls are intelligent enough for almost any conditions, but the ability to easily down shift for fine control on a steep incline, for example, is sometimes welcome.

Inside, the centre of the dash is dominated by the colour touch screen control for, among other things, the premium sound system and satnav. Most stereo, trip and telephone controls are duplicated on the steering wheel.

The touch screen also controls, simply and intuitively, features such as the comprehensive trip computer and SEAT's driver profile system: two quick dabs of the index finger and you can rapidly set the car up in normal, eco or sport mode, or indeed to your individual preferences.

Usefully, though, you can bumble along in eco mode and do your bit for the environment but, should an overtaking opportunity present itself, a nudge of the gear selector takes you straight into sport mode, dropping a gear or two and unleashing all that power and torque.

Driver profile alters throttle response, steering feel and, in DSG versions, gearbox response, to suit the circumstances: for example in sport mode holding the lower gear to higher rpm.

In 'normal' mode, the throttle is less sharp, the steering feels lighter and the DSG will change gear hold the higher gears for longer, for better economy and smooth progress around town.

Eco mode takes that profile a little further and even alters the climate control and engine stop/start systems to maximise fuel savings.

It's part of a raft of technology fitted to the FR, much of it designed to make the car even safer. Apart from the now usual ABS and stability controls, there is a limited slip differential for improved cornering performance plus hill start assist.

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By Graham Breeze

The new Citroen C4 Picasso is one of the most deceiving cars on the road today.

Outwardly the Picasso Exclusive+ e-HDi looks a neat and compact model on 17" alloys, but the cleverly designed exterior hides a benchmark-setting interior space and massive boot.

There's no doubting that this Picasso is the latest incarnation of the company's bold tradition of MPVs but by using PSA Peugeot Citroen's EMP2 platform the company has come up with something very different on the inside.

And the innovations doesn't stop with design either because the test model could top 1187mph and race to 62mph in 11.8 seconds yet still record combined fuel figures of 70.6mph and CO2 emissions of only 105g/km.

Flexible

That means you may no road tax and can claim a benefit in kind rating of 17 per cent.

The four cylinder, stop/start, 115hp engine delivers impressively flexible performance, so you don't have to work the engine hard to make decent progress.

But the automatic model on test would not have been my personal choice. After a week behind the wheel I was still struggling to come to terms with the gear shift control which sits awkwardly on the dash behind the steering wheel.

The automatic gear change was too

clunky for me, even when using the steering wheel paddles the gear change was too evident.

The steering is light and easy around town providing just enough reassurance at motorway speeds, despite a little bit of rear-end movement in tight bends.

The test car came with cruise control, collision alert, park assist and sensors, reversing camera and a bloody annoying lane-change alert system which I just couldn't fathom how to switch off.

The fascia is made of strong and attractive stuff and Citroen have gone down the road of providing all the driver information on a very neat colour screen, which I found much easier to manipulate than many I have tried recently.

Stability

Citroen has paid their usual levels of attention to safety and you get stability control and all-round curtain airbags, which has helped the model achieve the maximum five stars in Euro NCAP tests.

Like most rivals, it has an engine immobiliser, deadlocks and locking wheel nuts to help fend off thieves.

The huge boot swallowed two sets of golf clubs and trolleys while the three comfortable rear seats can be folded or moved back and forth to suit just about every need.

The fact that all three of these seats come with Isofix child-seat mountings adds to the practicality, and there's enough head- and legroom for six-footers.

Every C4 Picasso comes with alloy wheels, Bluetooth and a six-speaker stereo with a USB socket.



‘The cleverly designed exterior hides a benchmark interior space.’

A digital radio is standard from the second trim level upwards, and range-topping models have everything from adaptive cruise control to a front passenger's seat that reclines like an old-school business-class chair.

The leather covered steering wheel adjusts neatly for rake and height and the half

leather seats are an attractive and particularly strong feature of this model.

The C4 Picasso Exclusive + e-HDi 115 ETG6 that was on test would set you back £24,455 but with metallic paint, park assist, Xenon headlights, security pack and space saver spare wheel that mounts up to £23,550.



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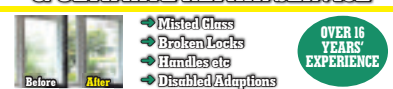
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## Lockmen enjoy a double bonus

**Willenhall Town 10  
Dept of Works and Pen-  
sions 2**

THE Lockmen had the double bonus of a good work out against a committed works team with the addition of raising funds for Compton Hos- pice.

A fine performance in the first half-hour saw the works team take a de- served 2-0 lead within the first half hour but The Lockmen had wiped that out by half-time.

On 35 minutes Eddie Wilson netted after Harry Rickus had seen a shot blocked before Harry Basra scored with a thumping header.

On the stroke of half-time The Lockmen hit the inside of the post, but the ball rebounded to harry Rickus to net from the edge of the box.

Matt Dorgan then scored with a chip from inside his own half at the start of the second period before Ryan Cahill netted twice in quick succession.

Tony Clift scored on the hour with his first touch to make it 7-2 be- fore Dorgan added a pen- alty. Callum Foster then weaved his way through three tackles before roll- ing home on 80 minutes.

Jumor Rideout rounded off double figures after a Paul Lomu shot hit the inside of the post.

**Pics show  
Hayes their  
six appeal**

**Heath Hayes 1  
Rushall Olympic 6**

RUSHALL completely over- ran Heath Hayes at the Coppice Colliery ground for their second pre-season win in what proved an enter- taining game.

Rushall took the lead when Courtney Baker-Rich- ards on who sidefooted home in the first minute.

Hayes, who will take their place in the new Midland Football League, equalised on three minutes when Tyler volleyed home.

Charlie Ntamark had the ball in the net for the Pics on 39 but it was ruled out for offside before the same player was brought down three minutes before the break and Josh Craddock converted from the spot.

On 55 minutes it was three when Aaron Farrell to fired home from close range. Craig Marshall made it four on 70 minutes then headed home a Luke Keen cross 15 minutes from time. Farrell completed the scoring.

**Swimmer in  
double feat**

WALSALL veteran swim- mer Paul Bates continued his summer of success with a double of finishes in the top three at two gruelling events.

First Paul came third at the first ever SteelMan Aqua Bike event held at Eton Dorney rowing lake in Windsor.

The event, which is a 1,000m open water swim, followed by a 21.2 kilo- metre cycle ride. Bates com- pleted both in 57.15. Then on Sunday he earned a bronze medal in the three kilometre event at the West Midlands Open Water Swimming Championships. He completed in 41.15.

# Squad fail to make a mark against Tivs

**Walsall Wood 0 Tivdale 2**

WOOD failed to score for the first time in six games as last season's Midland Alliance champions gained a well-deserved win putting two goals past the home side.

Walsall had the first goal threat in this pre-season friendly when on 10 minutes Danny McGhee got clear on the left, his cross was half cleared to Drew Aiton who was on the edge of the box.

His ball through the centre put Leon Taylor in on goal but under intense pressure his shot was easily saved by Tom Turner to keep the scoresheet clean for now.

On 27 minutes Drew Aiton delivered a right wing free kick to the far post and diminutive Ryan Wood out-jumped Tiv- dale's towering defenders to loop a header just too high.

A minute later McGhee broke onto a ball

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into the right of the box only to fire high and wide.

The visitors went ahead just past the half hour when Chris Field won the ball while playing wide on the right, he then crossed the ball into the box for Mike Wardell to open the scoring and put Tivdale ahead.

Eight minutes later a free kick wide left was fired into the near post by Danny Ashton, Mario Kisiel making a great save at the foot of the post to keep the ball out of the net.

A minute into the second half Danny Hol- gate slalommed through the Wood defence on the left of the box and it was down to skip- per Lee Stretton to step in and save Wood with a superbly timed last-ditch tackle

which stop the run of the play for Tivdale.

Then on 55 minutes it looked promising when Matt Jukes raved on to a ball over the Wood defence, but under pressure nothing came of it as he finished weakly.

Two minutes later a Wood defender to- tally misjudged the flight of the ball. Hol- gate racing into the right of the box to make no mistake as he fired the ball past the ad- vancing Kisiel.

Then Ash Jackson raced away on the right, his low, near post, cross was powered towards goal by a Karl Edwards' diving header which led to Kisiel making a bril- liant full-length save.

On 75 minutes Tom Evans cut inside from wide on the Wood right to fire a cross shot wide.

After 84 minutes Jordan Archer won the ball wide right and his low cross found Karl

Edwards in the box but Shawn Boothe and Scott Cooper crowded him out.

A minute from time Nigel Perry went charging down the right. He cut inside and his vicious cross-shot was pushed away by keeper Joe Gilbert whose work wasn't fin- ished just yet.

The goalkeeper then had to get up quickly to make a great save from the follow-up ef- fort.

The teams gave a good 90 minutes of football which was great value for the re- duced entrance fee, but it never reached anywhere near the heights of the Walsall Senior Cup game in April.

Tivdale deserved the win and looked a solid, compact side and will be difficult to beat in the coming season.

Wood finish their pre-season friendlies when Romulus visit Oak Park.

# Injury woes pile up for Wood in bruising draw

**Sporting Khalsa 1  
Walsall Wood 1**

**IT finished all square in a bruising encounter at the Aspray Arena, but there certainly was nothing friendly about the game that ended with a free for all on halfway.**

Sporting had the better of the early exchanges and almost went ahead after five minutes, Orlando Lew- is found acres of space on the left of the box and curled in a vicious drive into the far corner, Mario Kisiel making a fabulous full length save.

Woods first effort came two minutes later. Craig Deakin was fouled for the first of many times 25 yards out, Scott Cooper hitting the resultant free kick over the bar.

On 13 minutes Brad Law- ley won the ball wide right, his low, driven cross flash- ing across the face of the Wood goal. It was Lawley again four minutes later, collecting a half clearance from a free kick but his low drive was comfortably taken by Kisiel.

Then 10 minutes later Liam Hughes was released through the centre, Kisiel racing from his area to kick clear.

Leon Taylor powered his way into the box which brought keeper Danny Thornton out bravely to save at his feet and get in- jured in the process.

Deakin then took ad- vantage of defensive indecision on the right edge of the box before crossing to the far post for Taylor to power a header into the net.

The first chance of the second half came on 53 min- utes with Mensah Kinch looking yards offside was al- lowed to play on. Kisiel was quickly out to meet him, and

## Haul of medals as karate students kick in



**Students of Walsall Elite Martial Arts club have recently returned from the Welsh Championships**

WALSALL Elite Martial Art stu- dents and instructors returned from the Welsh Championships in Cardiff with a haul of medals and two cham- pions.

Mitchell Riggan entered his first ever championships at this event in the boys red/black belt heavyweight point stop sparring division where he finished runner-up taking silver.

Abida Husen also entered her first competition at this event, in the girls middle weight yellow/green belt point stop sparring and winning bronze.

Elliott Martin reached the men's black belt tag team final narrowly missing out to team Scotland and taking silver. Both Emily Shaw and instructor Emily-Jane Arms fought their way into the Welsh finals in the ladies black belt continuous sparring division.

Shaw fought within the middle weight and Arms in the heavy, both reached the finals and came away with silver medals.

Arms and Shaw teamed up for the ladies black belt tag team event and this time won bronze. Instructor Emily-Jane Arms took her black belt grading in Bristol prior to the Welsh Championships.

Arms was promoted to 4th dan black belt and presented with her award at the Welsh Championships. Hudson Mitchell, Tim Sheward and Aryan Singh reached the finals of their respective divisions.

Mitchell, Sheward and Singh were all crowned Welsh Champions. Asma Kouser was also able to raise £300 on the same day for Race For Life.

# Saddlers tumble to another friendly defeat

**Alfreton 2 Walsall 0**

SECOND-HALF goals from Jamie Jackson and Benny Clayton sent Walsall tumbling to another pre-season defeat this time it was at the hands of Alfreton Town.

The Saddlers had largely been in control – and Tom Bradshaw had just hit the wood- work – when Jackson put the hosts ahead from close range just before the hour mark.

Clayton then made the game safe for the Skriffil Conference outfit when he headed home six minutes from time.

Pre-season results can often be mislead- ing but Saddlers boss Dean Smith will have been less than happy with his side's lack of potency up front, while the defending for the second goal left much to be desired.

Smith opted once more to play the tacti- cal Tinkerman as the Saddlers – who won

6-0 here in pre-season a year ago – lined up for the first half in a 4-4-2 formation, with the XI containing Spanish trialist Borja Ruiz and veteran striker Danny Webber.

It was the latter whose good work created the first real chance for Mal Benning but the midfielder chose to pass rather than shoot and the ball was cleared.

Bradshaw twice when close, first pulling a shot from the edge of the box just wide before being denied by home keeper Jon Stewart when through one-on-one after the home defence had been split by a perfectly placed James O'Connor through ball.

Mal Benning, who had found one of the gardens which run behind the stand with an early shot, went much closer with a drive which was just a foot over the bar from Andy Taylor's quick throw.

While it was the Saddlers who were domi- nating, it was the hosts who might have led at the break had Dan Bradley shown more composure when played in after Ruiz lost possession.

But he slipped while shooting and keeper Richard O'Donnell was able to push his shot round the post.

Bradshaw struck the angle of post and bar early in the second half but minutes later it was the hosts who grabbed the lead.

Jackson converting from close range after a cross had been nodded back across goal by fellow substitute Jake Sheridan.

The Saddlers never quite looked like lev- elling the game, although Benning did test Stewart but it was an attempt which came to little for the visiting side.

Six minutes from time, Clayton made it

two when he headed home unmarked in the box from a free-kick.

Sheridan might even have had a third as the hosts finished the stronger but he was denied by O'Donnell.

**Alfreton:** Stewart, Wood, Courtney (Jackson HT), Graham, Stevenson (Rowe- Turner HT), Keane (Shaw HT), Gray (Sheridan HT) Smith, Bradley (Hicks 65), Trialist A, Trialist B (Clayton 58).

**Walsall (4-4-2):** O'Donnell, O'Connor (Kinsella), Chambers J, Holden (Downing HT), Taylor, Chambers A, Ruiz (Heath 74), Baxendale (Morris 63), Benning, Webber (Bakayoko 63), Bradshaw. Subs not used: MacGillivray (gk).

**Referee:** Paul Thompson.

**Attendance:** 289.

## The Reds start with Gornal at home

THE new West Midlands League season will kick off on August 9 with fixtures for the first part of the campaign now re- leased.

Willenhall Town will start the season at home to Gornal Athletic while Cradley Town will host Malvern Town.

Black Country Rangers go to Haughmond and Wolverhampton Sport- ing Community are also away as they go to Her- ford-based Pegasus Jun- iors.

Smethwick Rangers en- tertain Shawbury United, Bilston Town go to Shif- nal Town and Sporting Khalsa welcome Well- ington Amateurs.

Dudley Town go to Wellington and Wednes- field are at home to newly-promoted AFC Bridgnorth.

Wolverhampton Casu- als host Dudley Sports in their opening game.

Aug 9: Cradley Town v Malvern Town, Elles- mere Rangers v Bewd- ley Town, Haughmond v Black Country Rang- ers, Pegasus Juniors v W'ton Sporting Commu- nity, Shifnal Town v Bil- ston Town Community, Smethwick Rangers v v Shawbury United, Sport- ing Khalsa v Wellington Amateurs, W'ton Casuals v Dudley Sports, Wednes- field v AFC Bridgnorth, Wellington v Dudley Town, Willenhall Town v Gornal Athletic.

Aug 12: AFC Bridgnorth v Cradley Town, Bewdley Town v Malvern Town, Black Country Rangers v Smethwick Rangers, Ellesmere Rangers v Gornal Athletic, Pegasus Juniors v Wellington, Sporting Khalsa v Dudley Sports, Wellington Am- ateurs v W'ton Sporting Community

Aug 13: Dudley Town v Haughmond, Shawbury United v Bilston Town, Shifnal Town v W'ton Casuals

Aug 16: Bilston Town v AFC Bridgnorth, Dudley Sports v Willenhall Town, Haughmond v Shifnal Town, Malvern Town v Wellington Amateurs, W'ton Sporting Commu- nity v Smethwick Rangers

## Another Spaniard in frame

DEAN SMITH is running the rule over yet another Spanish trialist – as Walsall continue to wait on news of striker Jordan Cook's inju- ry.

Cook, who signed a two- year deal with the Saddlers earlier this month, injured his ankle in Saddlers' friendly defeat at Torquay. The 24-year-old had been due to undergo a scan to determine the extent of the problem.

Whatever that reveals, it now looks likely Cook will miss the start of the new League One campaign.

Smith has decided not to pursue his interest in Span- iard Javier Lopez Iglesias, who featured in the Sad- dlers' opening three pre-sea- son games.

But one man who did feature in the friendly with Alfreton was Borja Prieto Ruiz, a one time team-mate of Iglesias at RC Aviles.

The 27-year-old, who can play in midfield and up front, was in the starting XI alongside fellow trialist Danny Webber.





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## Gethin in vow to restore career

BRITISH title hopefuls Martin Gethin and Jason Welborn have vowed to turn their careers around and land an unlikely third shot at the belts, writes Craig Birch.

It seems like the end of the line for the West Midlands duo after their second chances went awry on Saturday night, both taken out inside the distance at the Manchester Arena.

Walsall's Gethin retired in the second half of his fight with Terry Flanagan, the former champion thwarted in his attempts to reclaim the crown.

Rowley Regis' Welborn was waved off in the sixth round, after crumpling into a heap through a crippling shot to the sternum from champion Liam Smith.

It's likely to be the finale of Gethin's career at lightweight but he will box on, with the 30-year-old planning to move up to light welter.

He said: "I have been a lightweight since I was 15 and it's getting that bit harder to maintain."

"That happens to any fighter as they get older. Light welter is more natural now."

Welborn still feels he belongs at national level despite another setback, saying: "I will come again. I want to stay at this level."

## Dilemma on striker's spot

DEAN SMITH was hoping to make another attacking signing as the Walsall boss expressed growing concerns over Sam Mantom's fitness.

The Saddlers' chief concedes the midfielder is "touch and go" to be ready for start of the new League One campaign and has now voiced the possibility of dipping into the loan market for a temporary replacement.

Mantom has not played a single minute in pre-season as he struggles with a medial ligament strain in his right knee and the nature of the injury is such that no precise timescale can be put on his return.

Smith had hoped to field the 22-year-old during Saturday's 3-1 friendly win at Leamington.

"Sam is a bit of a worry," admitted Smith. "He is training but every so often it just opens up the knee."

# Nordley claim top spot with win against Sports

WILLENHALL NORDLEY A crushed bottom side Hawkins Sports 12-2 to move top of the Dudley Building Society League Premier Division.

County star Scott Simpson was in top form on his home patch while Ashley Dace (21-18) was the top performer for the visitors.

Five days after a close encounter between Chadsmoor and M&B Cheslyn Hay in the Summit Garage Premier League, there was an equally close game in the Dudley Building Society League.

Chadsmoor once again edged it, this time

### Bowling

by seven shots, with Allan Parsons wrapping up the points with a scintillating 21-1 victory.

But the Brewers will be happy with the five points they gained as Chadsmoor rarely drop so many points at home.

Dudley Dell remain very much in the title race despite a 10-4 defeat on their visit to Stafford's Victoria Park. Tony Gill was a 21-1 winner for the hosts.

The local derby between Woodfield A and

Penn A went the way of the home side, who won 8-6 with Woodfield's Rob Stewart producing the best card of the game winning 21-6.

Windmill's home green is one of the trickiest in the area and Short Heath Liberal found it difficult as they fell to an 11-3 defeat.

The George beat Willenhall Nordley B by the same scoreline, Darren Wood was another bowler allowing his opponent a single shot. The defeat leaves Willenhall Nordley B in a fight with Short Heath Liberal to avoid the drop into Division One.

The league's Junior Merit takes place on Sunday (2pm) at Essington Bowling Club.

Premier Division: Victoria Park 10 Dudley Dell A 4, Windmill 11 Short Heath Liberal A 3, Willenhall Nordley A 12 Hawkins Sports 2, Chadsmoor Progressive A 9 M&B Cheslyn Hay A 5, Woodfield A 8 Penn A 6, The George 11 Willenhall Nordley B 3

Division One: Lea Hall 12 Hilly House 2, Pennfields A 11 Bylet 3, Cradley Sports 12 Glasscutters 2

Division Three: Wombourne A 9 Woodfield C 5, Springvale 8 Penkridge 6

## Moors is loss for Pics

**Rushall 0 Solihull M 2**  
 SPIRITED Rushall Olympic fell to a pre-season defeat as a goal in each half gave Solihull Moors a 2-0 win.

It was the visitors who opened up well and their neat passing game caused several problems for the home side, who had goalkeeper Chris Gemmell to thank for keeping them in it after pulling off several fine saves in the half.

Eleven minutes before the break Gemmell made an unbelievable double save, first to keep out Knights and then Omar Bogle.

But the deadlock was finally broken five minutes before the break when the visitors went in front with a simple goal. Knight's corner was headed home at the far post by Liam Daly. It was almost 2-0 moments later but once more Gemmell was equal to the task, this time keeping out Bogle's left-foot shot.

It was a much-changed Pics side that took the field in the second half but six minutes in, the visitors almost scored again when Knight's powerful shot came back off the bar. But then Bogle beat the offside trap to fire home.

## Free sessions to learn hockey

YOUNGSTERS are invited to a free junior hockey training day on Saturday, August 16 by Aldridge & Walsall Hockey Club.

It takes place at the University of Wolverhampton Walsall campus, off Magdalen Road, between 9am-1pm. Contact Ash Palmer on ashpalmer@virginmedia.com or 07921 075363.

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# SADDLERS GET WIN UNDER THEIR BELT

Leamington 1 Walsall 3

THINGS might be picking up on the pitch, but it is those players missing from it who remain the biggest headache for Dean Smith.

A goal from Spanish trialist Borja Ruiz, sandwiched between penalties from Tom Bradshaw and Amadou Bakayoko, secured Walsall a first win of pre-season in sweltering conditions at non-league Leamington on Saturday.

But the manager's chief emotion at the final whistle appeared to be relief that there were no further names to add to an injury list which contains Jordan Cook, Ben Purkiss and Sam Mantom.

"The good thing was we came off with no injuries," was Smith's initial response when asked for his thoughts on the game.

"We have Cookie out, Ben and Sam out at the minute but all the others have come back."

### Problems

Smith has been given more problems with injuries over the last three weeks than the whole of last season put together.

And while the absences of Cook and Purkiss are of annoyance, it is the continued inaction of Mantom which is most worrying.

While the manager has strength in depth to cover for the other two, Mantom - last year's Player of the Season - is a mainstay in the Saddlers' machine alongside Adam Chambers.

But it now seems increas-

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ingly likely he will not be ready for the League One opener at Port Vale a week on Saturday.

The nature of the injury means all the manager can be is patient, but he admitted after the game a move into the loan market may provide a temporary solution.

While Smith and his players had been quick to dismiss any concerns over a lack of goals, they will still have been delighted to get a victory under their belt, even if for the fourth successive game it was their opponents who were first to strike as the Brakes went ahead courtesy of Matt Dodd's 13th-minute penalty.

The equaliser came seven minutes before the break when Bradshaw slammed home a spot-kick.

After changes in the second half a new-look line-up took just seven minutes to take the lead as Ruiz fired home Heath's pull back from 10 yards out.

Collett had left the field when Bakayoko finally got the third with seven minutes to go.

## Walsall hoping for a Grimes of passion



Dean Smith and Ashley Grimes who has just signed a deal with the Saddlers

WALSALL have signed striker, Ashley Grimes, on a one-year deal.

The 27-year-old spent a couple of years with the Manchester United Academy as a youngster before moving on to Bolton Wanderers and then on to Bolton Wanderers and Manchester City, where he impressed for the youth team and reserves but failed to make the break-through into the first-team.

He was also loaned out to Swindon Town, where he got his first taste

of competitive action before being snapped up on a permanent basis by Millwall for the 2008/09 campaign.

Making a positive start to life at The New Den.

Leaving Gigg Lane in July 2014, he was promptly snapped up by The Saddlers.

"He's a lad that I tried to sign a couple of years ago," admitted manager, Dean Smith.

"He has fantastic technical ability

and is one of the best finishers that I have seen."

"We've done our homework on him, as we always do, and I've received some glowing reports."

"He will complement the way we play and hopefully this move will re-ignite him so that he can reach the levels that I know he is capable of."

"He's had a good grounding in the game and I am delighted to be able to bring him here."



Mike Gahan, Chief Executive